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# Accelerate Deerfoot study: I



Calgary-Fish Creek MLA Richard Gotfried says reducing congestion on Calgary's busiest thoroughfare requires a 'robust and complete' strategy — and quickly. METRO FILE

### **Motion could** see rush-hour traffic fall incrementally



**Brodie Thomas** Metro | Calgary

Carpool lanes, additional lanes and more merger lanes.

Those are just some of the ideas being tossed about to reduce congestion on the Deerfoot Trail.

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**MLA Richard Gotfried** 

Now Calgary-Fish Creek MLA Richard Gotfried wants to speed up the study that resources towards could bring solutions to commuters on Calgary's busiest thoroughfare.

He has a motion going before the provincial legislature that calls for a traffic-congestion-eduction strategy that would see peaktime traffic reduced by at least five per cent each year for three years.

He said there's already a Deerfoot study that's about to begin, but he feels it lacks a solid timeline or benchmarks.

"I don't think we have the time," said Gotfried. "Obviously we want a robust and complete study but I think there are ways we can put resources towards it so it can be completed in a timely manner.'

Calgary Coun. Shane Keating said the study is fund-

ed over three years, but that's simply because of the funding guidelines. He thinks it could be completed in a year.
"All they

have to do is say they'll fund the study and it's done," said Keating. "The

cost wouldn't be much. It's a drop in the bucket in terms of the budget.'

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# Politicians remember Bhullar

### POLITICS

### Alberta MLAs share stories, tears about jovial Tory

Alberta politicians laughed through their tears Wednesday as Progressive Conservative leader Ric McIver recounted stories about Manmeet Bhullar.

McIver told the house that Bhullar, 35, loved to joke with fellow MLA Sandra Jansen that he grew up watching her as a Calgary TV anchor, and in caucus often asked her to sing her station's promotional jingle.

"He always wanted her to sing the Channel 2 and 7 theme song," said McIver. "She has now admitted that she never had the heart to confess to him that she didn't know all the words.'

He says Bhullar - who sported a thick, black beard would tease caucus mate Richard Starke his moustache couldn't match Bhullar's facial hair at age 12.

And he said Grande Prairie-Wapiti PC Wayne Drysdale will never forget standing beside the barrel-chested Bhullar in the house and listening to him belt out Canada's national anthem loudly, proudly, and earpiercingly off-key.

"(Drysdale) says Manny was great at many things. Singing was not one of those things, said McIver.

All party leaders paid tribute in the house to Bhullar, the member for Calgary Greenway, who was killed on Monday in a traffic accident.



Fellow Conservatives gather around a flag and flowers set on deceased MLA Manmeet Bhullar's desk during a tribute at the Alberta Legislature chambers in Edmonton on Wednesday. Inset: Bhullar, 35, was killed in a car accident Monday afternoon. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"One of our family members is missing and is missed," McIver told the assembly, as many on both sides of the house dabbed their eyes with tissues or fought back tears. "His death on Monday has left us heartbroken."

Bhullar, on his way back to Edmonton from Calgary in the early afternoon, stopped to help after a vehicle rolled on an icy, snowy stretch of the QE2 Highway north of Red Deer.

As he got out of his vehicle

he was struck in the median by a semi that had lost control. He later died in hospital.

McIver said the eight-member caucus went down to visit Bhullar's family in Calgary and heard stories about Bhullar, and about how he loved to hear stories told to him by his grandmother.

"He could never get enough of his grandmother's stories," said McIver. "It was only a week ago when he had to leave before one of her stories was finished. She told us now that they will never get to finish it."

Premier Rachel Notley told the house that Bhullar will be remembered as a man of powerful compassion fuelled by his faith.

"It was typical for the member for Calgary Greenway that he would stop to help someone in need, stepping from the warmth of his vehicle into the midst of a heavy snowstorm," Notley said.

"For him, there was no other way to live."

At one point there were 40 or more in the PC caucus office. Speaker Bob Wanner came by. Greg Clark of the Alberta Party bought pizza. They had a few drinks. They told stories of

Manmeet. "For a very short period of time, there were no teams. There was just one team," said McIver.

"I'm not sure when the next time that will happen, but we were just human beings for a while." THE CANADIAN PRESS



**His unfinished** story is perhaps the saddest thing in our hearts.

PC interim leader, Ric McIver



He was a shining star of Alberta.

Prasad Panda, Wildrose MLA from Calgary-Foothills



He saw the good in everyone around him, and when confronted with hurt, his first instinct was to do whatever he could to put it right.

Premier Rachel Notley

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### **IN BRIEF**

### Beakerhead plans 'On the Other Hand' fundraiser

Beakerhead - Calgary's annual arts and science festival - is challenging residents to use their non-dominate hand on Dec. 1.

From brushing teeth to taking notes, they want righties to use their left hands and lefties to use their right.

They're calling it On the Other Hand, an event also serving as a fundraiser for the festival. They are asking anyone who takes part and slips up to make a donation on their web-

The people behind the fundraiser say using your non-dominate hand can strengthen neural connectors in the brain.

Beakerhead also wants people to share their misadventures on social media. METRO

### Third man charged in death of Mohammed Saqib

A man has been charged in relation to the death of Mohammed Saqib, who was killed in September.

RCMP have charged Saad Osman, 29, of Calgary, with second-degree murder for Saqib's death. Saqib's body was found inside a badly burned vehicle in a rural area northeast of Airdrie on Sept. 18.

Osman had evaded police until last Friday, when he was located and arrested in Surrey, B.C. He is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 10.

In addition to Osman, Theo Wheyee and Julius Wheyee have been charged with second-degree murder.

The Wheyee brothers have also been charged with offering an indignity to a body and arson. METRO



The city has allocated \$925 million for transportation infrastructure in the 2016 capital budget. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

# City passes \$2.34B 'spending program

### **Councillors** lament speed at which plans get carried out



**Brodie Thomas** Metro | Calgary

Without any amendments or motions, Calgary City Council unanimously passed its capital budget Wednesday afternoon.

The budget is worth a total of \$2.34 billion. Included was a \$47.5-million stimulus plan that would expedite a number of projects that had already secured funding.

But in his closing remarks, Mayor Naheed Nenshi called the entire \$2.34 billion a spending program.

"We just passed a \$2.34-billion spending program, and the results of that spending program will have impact on Calgarians in every corner of the city."

He added that it's not just about creating jobs for the sake of creating jobs but rather creating jobs where workers will build much-needed infrastruc-

Transportation will see the biggest spending by far, with

\$925 million going toward infrastructure projects.

Water infrastructure came second with \$448 million, and parks and recreation weren't far behind with \$408 million allocated.

Councillors had plenty of questions about the status of various projects. Some, like Coun. Brian Pincott, lamented the speed at which they often get carried out.

"We announced building a city tennis court on city land last summer that we're doing this year," he said. "Permitting and everything didn't get completed until just before the snow flew."

Coun. Evan Woolley said the

city is having trouble delivering on capital programs that have been announced, but thinks changes are in the works.

"In the organization, (projects) kind of get silo-ed out," said Woolley. "We have a new city manager who has some different ideas about how that happens."

As the meeting closed, the mayor hinted that city charters could be on the horizon and wants administration to be prepared.

Now that we've passed the budget ... a lot of our work is going to be around organizational change and how we make the organization work better. And I'm very, very excited about that."

COMMUNICATION

## Calgary considers a Reddit for ideas



Helen **Pike** Metro | Calgary

Imagine if the City of Calgary curated municipal ideas through a Reddit-like platform, where users could up and down vote, comment who knows, maybe even troll.

As part of its Digital Strategy framework, the City of Calgary has been working on numerous tools to connect citizens over the web. Among the newest projects is a "crowd-sourcing app" the city hopes to build and see live by the first quarter of 2016.

"It would certainly be a two-way communication tool for harvesting citizen ideas,' said Bruce Cullen, director of infrastructure and information services. Although he couldn't get too specific, the online request-for-proposal (RFP) lists features like following ideas, sharing ideas and voting on them in a forumtype setting complete with moderators.

This and many other tools emerging from the city are all part of the municipality's digital strategy, which was passed by council in July 2014.

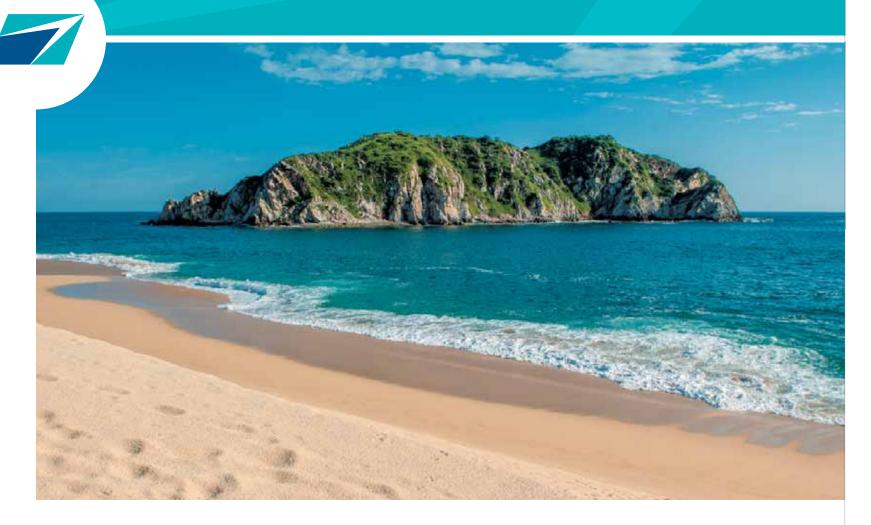
"The strategy is about how we connect, communicate and engage with Calgarians,' Cullen said.

Other applications the city has released include an opendata platform, a citizen dashboard and interactive map

"We're trying to keep current with technology trends like any company would and really looking at your nextgeneration government 2.0,' Cullen said.



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### Funding ended after article: Candidate

A former television journalist known as the "Scud Stud" says his run for public office was torpedoed by an article critical of his campaign.

Arthur Kent, who got his nickname from his days reporting on the Gulf War for NBC, said fundraising dried up and volunteers quit after the column labelling him a "dud" hit newsstands and the Internet.

"It was like a bomb going off

because it was so distracting," Kent told court Wednesday. 'These guys had just fired a photon torpedo into us."

Kent, 61, took the witness stand at a defamation trial that pits him against media giant Postmedia and former columnist Don Martin, author of the 2008 article. Kent was running to win a Calgary seat in the Alberta legislature for the Progressive Conservatives at the time.

Headlined "'Scud Stud' a 'Dud' on the Campaign Trail," the piece portrayed Kent as an out-of-control star candidate facing a revolt from his election team. It didn't include comment from Kent and he went on to lose the vote.

Kent, who testified that 'Scud Stud" has become his brand and part of his identity, described his reaction the morning he saw the Martin article.

"It was surreal. It was noth-

ing I could remember in Canadian politics," he said. "It was so poisonous, false and motivated with an intention to harm, from a guy I had never met. It was an other-worldly experience."

He said he immediately contacted the editorial page editor at the Calgary Herald, which is part of the Postmedia chain.

'How could you publish this trash?" he recalled asking. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Calgary has more cycle infrastructure per capita than any other Canadian city, at 94 kilometres of pathway per 100,000

# Lots of bike paths, but less design

total bicycle infrastructure in Calgary, including on-and off-street

### Pembina study compares data from Canada's major cities



**Brodie Thomas** Metro | Calgary

When it comes to bike usage among the top five Canadian cities, Calgary ranks high in infrastructure numbers but lower in overall design.

This from a report by the

Pembina Institute released Thursday comparing cycle numbers in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

Calgary's ranks first in total bicycle infrastructure, with 1,032 kilometres of on- and off-street paths. The next closest city was Toronto with 856 kilometres.

Calgary also has the most bicycle infrastructure per capita and the most kilometres of multi-use trails.

Where the city falls behind the pack is in on-street cycling infrastructure — something the city is attempting to address with the new cycle track network.

Tom Thivener, acting trans-

portation project coordinator for the city of Calgary, said he thinks a lot has changed from 2011 — which is the date from which the study gathers most of its data.

"Before that we know we were just dominated by pathways, but the pathways don't get you to all the destinations,' he said.

The city is now trying to address that with more marked laneways as well as the cycle

Thivener said as a more sprawling city than some of the others in the report, Calgary faces problems they don't

have.

By way of comparison, he said, it's easy for Vancouver, with its traditional grid pattern, to create bike paths that cut across quiet residential neighbour-

With its many outlying subdivisions that have

winding streets and cul-desacs, Calgary doesn't always have that option.

The city will continue to roll out improvements, such as potentially putting a bike path parallel to the Green Line transit project.

He said census numbers show bike use is increasing in the downtown and he expects that to continue.





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Pictured: a stolen vehicle with a stolen plate from another vehicle. HEATH KAI/FOR METRO

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# Licence-plate theft on the rise: CPS

### **Motorists** encouraged to change screws for prevention



Lucie **Edwardson** Metro | Calgary

While on a day trip outside of Calgary, Doyle and her husband realized the licence plate on their car wasn't actually

A quick call to CPS confirmed the plate had in fact been swiped and they warned Doyle not to drive back to the city with that plate.

Doyle and her husband were forced to drive back with a makeshift cardboard licence plate to avoid being pulled over for auto theft.

"They didn't want us to even drive back to Calgary with it because they said if we were

pulled over by police with that plate we would be pulled over at gunpoint," she said.

Doyle said CPS came and collected the lifted licence plate the next day, but she and her husband were forced to re-register their vehicle.

Staff Sgt. Kristie Verheul, with the CPS economic crimes unit, said takings licence plates is becoming a growing problem in the city.

This year we definitely are seeing a spike with the number of licence plate thefts,' she said. "We're also seeing a spike with the number of stolen vehicles, so that could be one of the reasons why."

Doyle said that same week they received a \$500 ticket in the mail for the plate that had been taken from their vehicle.

"The police were fantastic,"

she said. "We were able to call the police and they had it removed because it was a stolen vehicle and they did subsequently get the car back and our licence plate."

She said because they had already re-registered their vehicle they didn't take the plate back.

Verheul said there are a few things people can do to avoid becoming a victim of plate theft and to stay aware if they do.

"We do encourage people to change the screws and put a little more heavy duty screws on there, and then do a once around your vehicle every now and then just to make sure your plate is still there," she said. "If you notice that your plate is missing you need to report it right away.'



We're also seeing a spike with the number of stolen vehicles, so that could be one of the reasons

why. Sgt. Kristie Verheul

### **Commission appoints** new members, chair

The Calgary Police commission has new members sitting at the round table, including a new chairperson for the 2016 commission year.

The commission made their decision at the annual organizational meeting Tuesday.

Howie Shikaze, former vice-chair of the commission, has taken the commission chair for 2016. Shikaze was first appointed to the commission in 2010, and has served in multiple capacities including chair of the finance and audit committee.

During his 35-year career, Shikaze owned and was a partner at MNP LLP account-

We will continue to hold the service to a high standard," he said. "It is because of these high standards that CPS has the overwhelming support and confidence of the community.

City Council is responsible for making appointments to the Calgary Police Commission, whose role is to provide independent civilian oversight and governance of CPS.

This year's commission members, along with Shikaze are Lisa Silver, Steph-



Shikaze has been named chair for 2016. CONTRIBUTED

anie Felesky, Johnathan Liu, Brian Thiessen, Chris Salmon, Tyler Shandro, Myra D'Souza, Ferdinand Legaspi, and Calgary city councillors Diane Colley-Úrguhart and Ward Sutherland.

Lisa Silver and Brian Thiessen were elected to the two vice-chair positions. LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

### CRIME

### Man faces 40 charges as police seize weapons, drugs from two homes

A 39-year-old man is facing 40 charges, including child endangerment, after police seized handguns and drugs from homes in Edmonton and neighbouring St. Albert.

Police said an integrated unit of city officers, the RCMP and Alberta sheriffs conducted searches of the two homes last week and found drugs, cash and five loaded handguns.

According to police, six children between the ages of five and 14 were in the Edmonton home and allegedly had easy access to the guns and drugs.

The five weapons were either loaded or had ammunition nearby and all were found to be improperly stored.

The children's mother is also facing a string of charges which include child abandonment.

Police said the children have been removed from the home and are currently staying with another family

The two suspects cannot be named in order to protect the identity of the children.

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# Judge stood down after 'sexist' uproar

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### **Justice** is sent to counselling over conduct in assault trial

The Federal Court says a judge who once asked a sexual assault victim why she couldn't keep her knees together will not be hearing cases until further notice.

The court decided earlier this month that Justice Robin Camp would not be handling cases involving sexual issues, pending a review.

The Canadian Judicial Council is investigating Camp's conduct of a trial he heard last year when he was a provincial court judge in Alberta.

The judge acquitted a man of sexually assaulting a 19-yearold woman but the verdict was overturned on appeal.

Complaints were launched



Judge Robin Camp. ANDREW BALFOUR/FEDERAL COURT OF CANADA

against Camp's remarks, saying they showed the judge was sexist and disrespectful of the woman.

A spokesman for Chief Justice Paul Crampton says Camp's priority now is to take gender sensitivity counselling.

During the trial in Calgary, Camp questioned the woman's morals, called her "unsavoury" and suggested that "sex and pain sometimes go together?" He also referred to her a few times as "the accused."

In finding the man not guilty, the judge told him that all men have to be more gentle and careful with women, and that he should pass the message onto his friends so they can "protect themselves" and not "get into trouble."

### 🛟 FRESH TRIAL

### Ruling based on 'myths'

As well as the action taken against Justice Camp, the Alberta Court of Appeal has ordered a new trial for the alleged rape, citing "doubts about the trial judge's understanding of the law governing sexual assaults," saying "sexual stereotypes and myths ... may have found their way" into his judgment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Camp has apologized to the woman in the case and all women who may have been frustrated by his comments.

"I have come to recognize that things that I said and attitudes I displayed during the trial of this matter, and in my decision, caused deep and significant pain to many people,' he said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Over \$1.2M to help incoming refugees

The Alberta government says it has put up more than \$1.2 million so far to help resettle Syrian refugees.

Jobs Minister Lori Sigurdson says \$1 million of that is being redirected from existing spending to a fund that was already set up for those flee-

ing Syria.
"These people are fleeing terror and violence in their home country, and everyone deserves to have a safe place to live. That's just a basic right. And we're happy to stand up as a country, as a province," Sigurdson said in a prepared release.

"The needs of both refugees and our communities will continue to emerge and evolve. That's why we have developed a comprehensive response plan to ensure supports like housing, health and education are in place for refugees."

Health Minister Sarah Hoffman says she will be asking the federal government for another \$5 million to help cover costs for one year as Syrian families begin their new lives in Alberta.

The number of Syrian refugees anticipated to arrive in Alberta has not yet been confirmed by the federal government but the province has said it will take between 2,500 and 3,000 of the 25,000 refugees that are coming to Canada in the coming months.

The Alberta refugees are scheduled to be resettled across five cities in the province: Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

The province said they continue to work closely with the federal government to ensure the best possible outcomes for all refugees.

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The needs of both refugees and our communities will continue to emerge and evolve. That's why we developed a response plan.

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# Uber partner donates half to food bank

**Driver says** he considers giving back part of his job



After a court injunction was

served, one Uber partner took it upon himself to start raising money for a cause, pledging half of his earnings to the Calgary Food Bank.

So far Mike West has raised around \$500 and pledges to give it to charity on behalf of himself and other drivers who were ordered off the roads by an Alberta court injunction — and he's hoping other taxi drivers do the same.

"It's really about people,

and I found it extremely gratifying to help people get where they need to go, especially when they put themselves in a state where they couldn't drive," West said.

West said although he started driving for UberX as a second job he quickly realized it wasn't just about money, but a community service.

West said he got the idea to show his support for Uber through donations when Brett Wilson announced his contentious \$100,000 library donation offer. He began donations after the city served drivers with the court injunction that week he pledged to put 50 per cent of his earnings towards helping others.

He chose the food bank because years ago his family was accessing the food bank, and now he's in the position to give back.

Right now he's set money

aside and hopes others will step forward and do the same.

'I would like to partner up with the taxi drivers in town, West said. "I feel that in all that's gone on with Uber over the past month everyone's forgotten about the people...I think it would be cool if the taxi drivers would be able to set aside any percentage of their one weekly earning to go towards the Calgary Food Bank."



Mike West signed up to be an **Uber driver long before their** October launch, CONTRIBUTED



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# Farming and fish a winning combo

A Mount Royal business student is making a splash in the business world with his startup venture that could challenge cities to adopt more sustainable food systems on a large scale.

It's called Deepwater Farms, and the startup is a closed-loop system, using aquaponic technology, to bring fresh organic food to local partners yearround. The system creates an environment where fish and plants are grown and harvested in water. The farm raises edible fish, the waste from the fish provides nutrients to the plants and the plants then clean the water - it's a zero-waste way to grow food.

Paul Shumlich, the fourthyear student behind the venture, has been named Student Entrepreneur of the Year by the Calgary chapter of the Entrepreneurs Organization. He won a \$5,000 prize with a trip to Toronto in order to compete in a Canada-wide competition.

'We started in my backyard with no money," Shumlich said. "We never had a lot of money to put into it. Through continually meeting new people that had the resources we needed, we got access.'

Now, Shumlich has a team of people working together at a greenhouse where they've built a large system that produces a bounty of food very sustainably.

Ray Depaul, director of the Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Mount Royal has seen Shumlich's project start as a small idea and grow into the success it is today.

"We can't teach this stuff in a class," Depaul said. "What Paul's been doing, working with restaurants, working with suppliers, working with organizations where he's trying to see how he helps them with food security — you can only do that when you're actually trying to build a business."

Depaul said Shumlich's idea isn't just about business, but also could go a long way towards helping solve some of society's problems around food security.



**Deepwater Farms founder** Paul Shumlich. HELEN PIKE/METRO

### Swamped legal aid system under review

The Alberta government is launching a review of its legal aid system, starting next month

Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley says the system is struggling to keep up with demand, and says it's time to look at how the arm's-length agency funds and runs its operation.

The budget for legal aid this year is \$66 million, with most of that coming from the prov-

Ganley says the review, to be conducted by her officials, will also look at areas like financial eligibility guidelines and rates paid to lawyers.

The committee will report back in the spring.

The province has more than doubled its funding to legal aid since 2005, while Ottawa's contributions have remained constant at \$10 million a year. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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### New space, more creations

It's bigger, better, newer and, well, it's theirs.

That's according to Valmai Goggin, artistic producer of Evergreen Theatre, which recently moved from its leased space in Currie Barracks to the community of Mayland Heights.

"We wanted the security of owning our facility and to be our own bosses," Goggin said, adding the former space is to be redeveloped for residential use.

She said the new space used to be home to a fitness club something unexpectedly perfect.

"It was a really good retrofit," she said. "All these old squash courts mean for studios with high ceilings.'

The new space is double the size of the former location, and will pack small office spaces for small businesses, storage space, studios and workshops, a kitchen and bar, and performance venues.

People can rent spaces from 50 to 3,200 sq ft.

"We built it from the ground up," Goggin said. "Because we are in a stronger position to curate the space here, people can feel welcome to practise whatever artistic craft or non-artistic craft

Goggin said she hopes Evergreen helps artists who may have a hard time finding space in a city where there isn't much offered.

"I hope it becomes a gathering place for the city's artists and the community," she said. "We planned this as our legacy project, so we hope to be here forever and ever.'

The studio is located at 1709 8th Ave NE, and an official launch will be held Dec. 11.

JEREMY SIMES/METRO

# Artist hopes new mural inspires co-operation

**INTERNATIONAL AVENUE** 

### **East African** Celebration depicts 11 countries



**Jeremy** Simes For Metro | Calgary

Sisay Shimeles is still looking for harmony between Calgar-

He said things are improving slowly and, through his new mural — titled East African Celebration — he hopes others, too, will believe harmony is possible to achieve.

Shimeles' work is set to be installed outside artBox on 17E located on International Avenue.

The work depicts the cultures of 11 countries in eastern Africa, where each person in the mural represents a particular country, whether it's through clothing or other cultural symbols.

Shimeles admitted it was a bit difficult to squeeze 11 countries into one painting - he didn't want to miss any of the important bits.

"It's hard to capture all those elements in one panel," said Shimeles, who studied fine art in Ethiopia and moved to Calgary 10 years ago. "But I did my best, I think."



Sisay Shimeles hopes his new painting lets viewers realize people at odds with one another can co-operate. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

The end result was to create a sense of harmony between the 11 countries, he added.

"(The mural) is very musical — it's harmony," he said. "That's my mission: to reflect that we celebrate our heritage in harmony and love and the vibrancy.'

But, harmony stretches fur-

ther than East Africa, he noted, adding he wants Calgarians those new and old to the city to also embrace people's differences.

He said people have to think differently about those coming to the city.

"We're not here to be negative or manipulate the system,"

he said. "We can change this world if we think positively of one another.

And for those new to the

Shimeles said: "If you think positive and try to integrate into the system in a positive way, then you can make change in a positive way."

That's not to say all is bad, he assured - things have improved.

"I see big change and that makes me hopeful," he said. "To get the chance to be able to do this in this western society is something. I can't express it by word, but I'm just very thankful."

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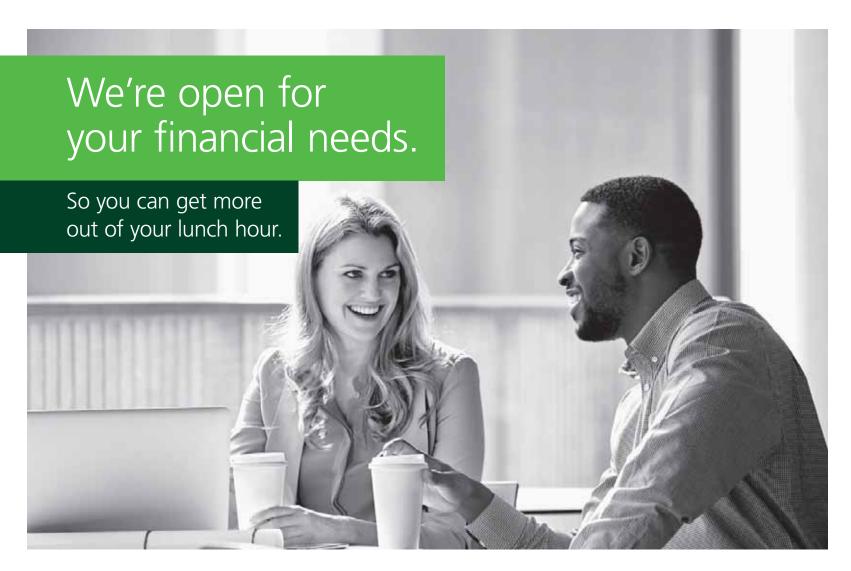
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# Eggen says Catholic board progressing



Education Minister David Eggen said he sees improvement in the embattled Edmonton Catholic School Board, but they still have work to do.

Eggen brought in a consultant in October to work with the board on its governance issues, after a debate about transgender policy devolved into a major issue.

He said the consultant will remain with the board to continue work on governance, but he is pleased.

"They have worked through some transgender and LGBTQ policy, which looks very good so far. They have done it without any animosity and without dissolving into the acrimony we might have seen before," he said.

The board has held public consultations on its transgender policy and next Tuesday the board could pass second reading on it.

Board chair Marilynn Bergstra said she understands the board has to assure the community it's hearing its concerns.

"The fact of the matter is there are compassionate and safe and caring measures in our school every day, but it's when it is in writing you have that extra level of assurance,' she said.



### They want to hear something solid.

Board chair Marilynn Bergstra

# Minister weighs in on Athabasca U

After receiving a petition Wednesday, Advanced Education Minister Lori Sigurdson said she wants Athabasca University to stay in Athabasca, but an impending report from the school's board will inform any future decision.

Earlier this year, an internal report on the school suggested moving the school, as one option to deal with looming financial insolvency.

We said we want an in-Athabasca solution for this, so we are looking forward to see what the board is presenting and my understanding is the board wants that as well," Sigurdson said.

On Wednesday, Alberta Union of Public Employees vice-president Mike Dempsey

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presented Sigurdson with a petition, signed by nearly 900 people, calling for her to make a firm commitment to keeping the school in the community.

Dempsey said there would be huge ripple effects if Athabasca University is moved.

"It's not just for our employees there, it's also for the community itself. It's the largest employer in the community of Athabasca," he said. "This would be devastating news for the Town of Athabasca.'

He said the union is glad the minister supports the idea, but wants a firm commitment.

"We would like to see something in writing.

Dempsey said students of the school also want it to stay in Athabasca. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



The microtunneling machine before it was lowered into a shaft to begin digging the Bowness Sanitary Trunk. The machine has been running 24 hours a day for months as it digs under the city. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

# Citizens oblivious to quiet trenching

### **TECHNOLOGY**

### **Bowness** Sanitary Trunk ahead of schedule



**Brodie Thomas** Metro | Calgary

Imagine a major infrastructure upgrade that didn't affect traffic or make noise, and could run 24 hours a day.

It's not something Coun. Ward Sutherland has to imagine. His ward has been the proving ground for a relatively new technology for the city of Calgary, and he likes what he's seen.

The Bowness Sanitary Trunk upgrade has been going on for the past year. A decade ago, such a project would've required digging trenches - and occasionally tearing up roads
— to lay new pipe. Instead, a private company has been tunnelling underground.

"With this new technology, there's no interruptions for the citizens," said Sutherland. "(Several) weeks ago, they went under 16th Avenue, which is a main thoroughfare. Nobody

Gregory Kozhushner is a project engineer with City of

### They went under 16th Avenue ... Nobody knew.

Coun. Ward Sutherland

Calgary's water resources department. He said as the city density increases, this technology will be used more and more.

He explained the process, which starts with a large pit.

"You need an access shaft so you can lower a machine," said Kozhushner. "The machine is advancing. This machine is actually pushed from behind

by the pipes." He said the machine itself has a rotating head, which drills through the ground. The soil is mixed with water and sent back to the surface in a slurry through the advancing pipe.

Sutherland said he's impressed by the efficiency. He was told the same project would take four and a half years by the trenching method.

"When you hear nothing, that means the project's terrific," said Sutherland. "And we've heard not one single complaint. It's way ahead of schedule. They're going to try to connect [at] the end of this



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Const. Andrew Critchley says police and retail partners have launched an ad campaign to

# Police aim to cut down retail theft

### Campaign warns public against buying stolen goods



Lucie **Edwardson** Metro | Calgary

Calgary police and retail partners have teamed up to warn citizens about the consequences of buying stolen merchandise.

Organized retail crime is the theft of consumer goods for the purpose of illegally selling the merchandise for cash.

Const. Andrew Critchley said it's a growing problem in Calgary and the country. It costs Canadian retailers an estimated \$4.6 billion a year and goods are usually taken through systematic shoplifting, sold online or on the



 When buying online, compare prices and check to see if the seller is selling multiples of the same items.

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- If it seems fishy, report it to CPS.

black market.

Along with their retail partners London Drugs, Loblaws, TJX Canada and Mark's, as well as Crime Stoppers and Retail-COP, CPS has launched a radio and transit campaign to address the issue.

"The message we are hoping to get out is that Calgarians can help prevent organized retail crime by recognizing and refusing to buy stolen retail goods, and by reporting shoplifting or stolen goods they find for sale," he said.

Critchley said organized retail crime is often used to fund more serious criminal activities like purchasing drugs or weapons.

"When those same goods are later sold to the public, the money is going to the drug trade and people who have little regard for safety in our communities,' he said.

Tony Hunt, general manager of loss prevention at London Drugs, said these types of crimes put employees of retail stores at risk and prey on the needy.

"They encourage those needy members of society to commit theft in large quantities and pay small amounts of cash or drugs for the stolen goods," he said.

Critchley said to put an end to these types of crimes, Calgarians should only buy new goods from licensed businesses, ask those selling where they got the merchandise and compare prices found online with market value.

"If it seems too good to be true, it probably is," he said.



### IN BRIEF

### **Zoolights starts Friday**

For the 18th year, the Calgary Zoo will be lit up during the evenings with more than one million lights.

Zoolights kicks off on Friday night and runs until Jan. 2.

Besides seeing the lights, visitors can bring their skates to the rink, visit with Santa or see an interactive light display.

Tickets for Zoolights are separate from regular admission. The gates are open from 6 to 9 at night. METRO

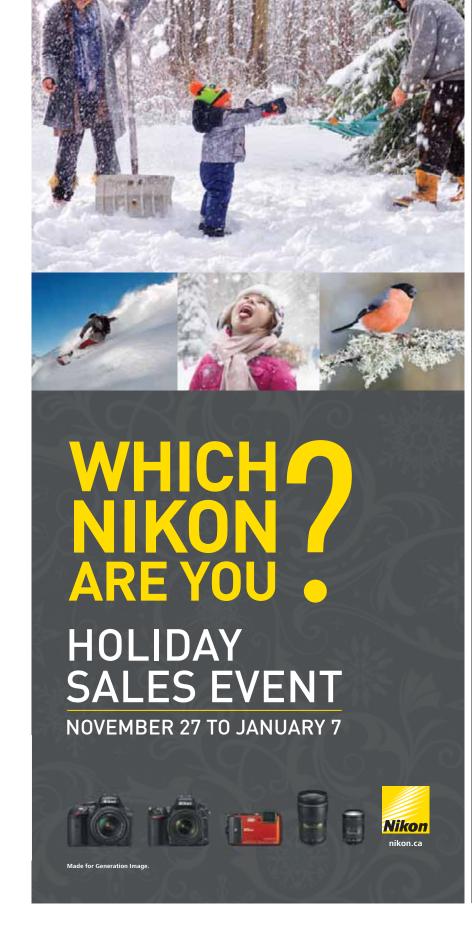
# **Mourning Wildrose postpones fundraiser**

After Manmeet Bhullar's death, the Wildrose party has decided to respectfully postpone an upcoming fundraiser event.

'Conversation with Brian," which was to be held Thursday, will be rescheduled.

"In light of the passing of Manmeet Bhullar, we do not believe it would be appropriate to hold this event while Albertans and conservatives of all stripes mourn the loss of a friend," Wildrose executive director Jeremy Nixon said. "We thank the hundreds of Albertans who have purchased tickets for this event for their understanding in this difficult

Information about the event will be given out via email, social media and the Wildrose website when details are confirmed. Ticket holders can expect a call from organizers.



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### NDP prep awaited energy-efficiency plan

Alberta continues to be the only jurisdiction in Canada or the U.S. without an energyefficiency program, despite years of advice that even a basic policy would create jobs, reduce utility bills and cut greenhouse-gas emissions.

Alberta Environment Minister Shannon Phillips said that will change in the new year as part of the NDP government's climate-change plan, which includes a broad-based carbon

tax that kicks in in 2017.

Phillips said that in the coming weeks the province will announce details of a new agency that will come up with energyefficiency incentives.

"You need an agency that can really examine those matters and carefully design those policies so that we are not just simply writing cheques to people to do things that they might otherwise do," Phil-

"By the time that budget 2016-2017 rolls around, we will have a sense of the costs, and second, of all the delivery mechanisms and the policy design."

Phillips said the program will aim to reduce energy consumption by homeowners, businesses, municipalities, hospitals and schools.

The former Progressive Conservative government had planned to roll out a program in October 2014 that was to include rebates to encourage homeowners to purchase energy-efficient appliances.

At the time, former environment minister Robin Campbell said the program would cost up to \$30 million in the first year and the province would pay part of the cost based on receipts submitted by homeowners. But the PC government never launched the program. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Alberta's new green policy came as a result of opposite sides discussing each other's point of view. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# **Eco-foes'** table talks **built deal**

You've got to learn

to speak the same

language.

**Brett Harris** 

**CLIMATE CHANGE** 

### Advocates and oil industry go from ancient grudge to amity

Alberta's new climate-change policy is partly rooted in a series of low-profile dinner meetings that took place well before the election of Premier Rachel Notley and her fellow New Demo-

In 2014, the province's environmental reputation was creating increasing

resistance to its energy products, and the Progressive Conservative government of the day, led by Jim Prentice, made it clear that

something had to happen, said Chris Severson-Baker of the Pembina Institute.

"He actually started talking about climate change in a different way," said Severson-Baker of the clean-energy think-tank. "It started to create a sense that maybe we could agree on some things."

People on different sides started getting together for dinner. Environmentalists behind some of the loudest anti-oilsands campaigns met with executives behind some of the largest oilsands expansions.

We weren't even speaking the same language," recalled Cenovus spokesman Brett Harris. "It's a matter of moving from that environment of conflict to that of co-operation."

"It was testy," Severson-Baker said. However, the result was that "people started to understand each other's point of view."

The hardest topic was emission levels. Industry fought any sort of emissions cap, fearing that would strand projects under construction. The 100-megatonne limit agreed on was big

enough to allow those projects to proceed but low enough to force future development to radically reduce emissions.

Meanwhile, an expert panel was

appointed last spring by the NDP. Led by energy economist Andrew Leach, it began holding public consultations and doing its own research.

Leach acknowledged that the informal discussions between industry and environmentalists fed into the report he and his colleagues delivered on Sunday.

"The opportunity to bring these parties together in agreement ... was an opportunity that vou have to take," he said.



**MENTAL HEALTH** 

## Many plagued by PTSD

Dr. Morton Beiser, a psychiatric epidemiologist from St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, says research indicates up to 20 to 50 per cent of refugee children suffer from PTSD, while 10 to 15 per cent of adults are affected.

"I don't think that we are sufficiently equipped yet to deal with that," Beiser said. "It is important that we develop resources quickly and effectively ... We really have to get our act together."

Refugees who suffer from PTSD often relive their trauma, Beiser added. "Post-traumatic stress disorder ... is an awful disorder," he said. "It is a disorder in which people experience horrible situations that they've been in, they're back in the torture cell, they're back being raped."

Mental health challenges for refugees also go far beyond PTSD, said Dr. Kwame McKenzie.

The medical director for the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health says newcomers also face higher risks of substance abuse, depression and schizophrenia.

The truth is, the studies have shown that the rates of mentalhealth problems are increased, for every (kind of) mental-health problem," he said.

McKenzie said he is pleased Ottawa plans to help refugees settle immediately in host communities. Unlike the 5,000 refugees who came to Canada from Kosovo in 1999, Syrians will not be housed on military bases unless it is deemed necessary.

'Some of the studies that have been seen worldwide say that you can decrease the risk significantly if you're careful about what you do when people come to the country," he said. The effects of conflict, displacement, travel and family separation were all considered when the federal government crafted its plan, Health Minister Jane Philpott said Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canadian Forces bases are on standby for newcomers

### Medical and security screening will be overseas

Staff at Canadian Forces bases across the country are counting beds and making tentative plans to house and feed thousands of Syrian refugees expected to arrive in the coming weeks.

Capt. Evelyne Lemire, a spokeswoman at CFB Gagetown in New Brunswick, said they have not yet been told they will receive some of the 25,000 refugees the Canadian government has promised to accept by February.

But she said they have been asked to see how many they could accommodate at the sprawling base as part of what the military has dubbed Operation Provision.

"We've been asked to look at our options, our accommodations and so on, like the numbers," she said from the base near Oromocto.

"We're ready to receive any Syrian refugees, if we're called on to do that."

Lemire said the base at Gagetown is looking at everything from how to provide food and medical services to allocating space for religious practice for refugees from Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.

It's expected that bases in Quebec and Ontario will be called on first to provide interim lodging for refugees, with bases and wings in other provinces expected to follow suit after the first wave of Syrians arrives.

The Forces could be asked to temporarily accommodate up to 13,000 refugees.



Sgt. Matt MacIsaac removes some of his belongings from storage at CFB Kingston in Kingston, Ont.,w on Nov. 23 to prepare for the upcoming arrival of Syrian refugees. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The newly elected Liberal government announced its plans Tuesday to resettle the refugees, saying it will miss by two months its initial deadline of Dec. 31 to bring 25,000 to Canada.

The new target is to receive 10,000 people by year's end and the remainder in the first two months of 2016.

Health and security screening will take place overseas and then refugees will be flown to Toronto and Montreal, largely

We're ready to receive any Syrian refugees, if we're called on to do that.

Capt. Evelyne Lemire

on chartered aircraft.

From there, they will be spread across 36 different destination cities, which already have resettlement programs in

Temporary accommodation will be provided by the military, if required.

It's not clear how long they would be housed at the bases, but an official in the Defence Department says it will likely play out as it did in 1999 when Kosovar refugees were housed in bases like Gagetown, Greenwood, Aldershot and Halifax in Atlantic Canada and others in

Ontario. In Halifax, 12 Wing Shearwater may also be called on to take in refugees, but officials were still figuring out how they would accommodate both families and individuals in large barracks and other facilities.

The Forces have said they want to use empty beds and not displace military members, but may have to do some shuffling of personnel at bases in Valcartier, Que., and Edmonton.

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## Trudeau right to delay: Experts



Strictly speaking, the Liberal government's plan to bring in 10,000 Syrian refugees by Dec. 31 and another 15,000 by March – rather than all 25,000 by end of year — is Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first broken promise.

But the government's decision to lightly tap the brakes on the resettlement process is being lauded by experts who implored them to take a bit more time to do it right.

"It would have been very problematic if they had stuck to the

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Dec. 31 deadline at all costs," said James Milner, a professor at Carleton University and former consultant with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

"On balance, there's a real sigh of relief that the deadline has been

The outcry for more time was among Immigration Minister John McCallum's messages when he announced

'I've heard Canadians across this country saying yes, you have to do it right, and if it takes a little bit longer to do it right then take the extra time," he

The Liberal platform said it would "expand Canada's intake of refugees from Syria by 25,000

through immediate government



## Manitoba first in native men killed



Brand new data released by Statistics Canada on Wednesday shows that aboriginal men are more likely to be murdered in Manitoba than in any other province.

Manitoba had 44 homicides last year, seven fewer than in 2014. However, 29 of those 44 victims were aboriginal, a rate

national average of 23 per cent.

Statistics Canada tracked aboriginal victims for the first time in its yearly study of Canada's homicides.

"It's quantifying what we already suspected," said Leslie Spillett, executive director of Ka Ni Kanichihk. "It comes out of the relationship Canada has had with indigenous people and has taken a long time to get there.

"Hopefully things like the

Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women Inquiry will start digging deeper into the root causes ... and then make it everybody's issue."

"Poverty, homelessness, losing that cultural identity, these are all things that have contributed historically to (the situation) many of these people are finding themselves in," said Winnipeg Police Service deputy chief Danny Smyth. "It makes them more vulnerable to some of the violence that's out there."

66%

The province's rate of male aboriginal homicide victims. The national average is 23 per cent. STATISTICS CANADA



The prime minister meets Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace in London on Wednesday. YUI MOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# PM meets with Queen

UNITED KINGDOM

### **Justin Trudeau** returns to London palace

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau reacquainted himself with Queen Elizabeth II, this time as the prime minister of Canada rather than the son of Canada's parliamentary leader.

Trudeau, making his second whirlwind tour on the international summit circuit in as many weeks, met the Queen at Buckingham Palace Wednesday morning.

"Good morning ... Very nice to see you again," the Queen told Trudeau as they shook hands. "In rather different circumstances, isn't it?"

"I will say, you were much taller than me the last time we met," Trudeau said, to laughter from the Queen.

Yes, it's extraordinary to think of, isn't it?" the Queen answered, before taking a seat across from Trudeau to have a private conversation.

Trudeau shares history with the Queen, having met the now 89-year-old monarch as a child when his father Pierre Trudeau was prime minister.

On this trip, the Queen also met Trudeau's wife Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau and two of their three children, who are along with them.

Trudeau then delivered a speech at Canada House in Trafalgar Square. He confirmed Canada would bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February. The government had originally pledged to meet its target by the end of the year, but pushed back the deadline this week.

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### COURTS

### **Duffy trial ponders many** roles of Gerald Donohue

A sounding board, an adviser, a talent booker, an Internet researcher and web content consultant - Gerald Donohue was at different points all of these things to Sen. Mike Duffy.
The question before On-

tario Court Justice Charles Vaillancourt is whether these roles constituted Senate business or fraud and a breach of the public's trust.

Eight of the 31 charges Duffy faces relate to \$65,000 in Senate contracts awarded to Donohue. Duffy has pleaded not guilty.

Of that \$65,000, Donohue paid out roughly \$40,000 to other service providers at Duffy's direction.

Defence lawyer Donald Bayne took the Ottawa court through an official letter Donohue penned to thenprime minister Pierre Trudeau in 1977 on broadcasting issues and also the honorarium he was paid to act as a consultant for CTV.

Bayne zeroed in on the contracts Donohue signed with the Senate, which included the vague line that he might do any kind of duty for Duffy "that may arise." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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### **Armed police meet** returning students

When Annelaure Leger dropped off her two children at school on Wednesday, it was like nearly every other day except for the machine-guntoting police officer.

After a two-day school shutdown sparked by a threat alert across the Belgian capital, Brussels resident Leger was relieved classes were back in session.

Though Brussels continues to be under the highest-level threat alert, meaning authorities fear a serious and imminent attack, schools and subways began reopening across the city on Wednesday. The alert was first raised to the top level in the capital on Saturday.

The terrorism threat level is expected to be in place until at least Monday unless there are significant developments, like the capturing of suspects linked to the Paris terrorist attacks on Nov. 13, who are



### Life must go on and they have to go back to school.

Dimitri De Cra Yencour. a father of four

believed to be in Belgium.

At Brussels' College Saint-Jean-Berchmans, many parents had a word with school officials or the police officers guarding the entrance. Some experts warned that without a further explanation of the situation, officials risked undermining the public's trust.

"It seems paradoxical to say (Brussels) is still at the highest threat level but it's OK to open schools and subways," said Neil Greenberg, a professor of mental health at King's College London. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



S-400 air-defence missile systems make their way through Red Square during a rehearsal for the Victory Day military parade in Moscow in May 2013. The missiles are capable of striking targets within a 400-kilometre range. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# Putin orders move of missiles to Syria

RUSSIA

### Response to Turkey's downingof Russian jet

In a move raising the potential threat of a Russia-NATO conflict, Russia said Wednesday it will deploy long-range airdefence missiles to its base in Syria and destroy targets that may threaten its warplanes following the downing of a Russian military jet by Turkey.

The incident was the first time in 50 years that a NATO member shot down a Russian plane. If Russia responds by downing a Turkish plane, Turkey could proclaim itself under attack and ask the alliance for military assistance.

Most observers believe a direct military confrontation is unlikely, but the shooting down of the plane will further fuel the Syrian conflict and complicate international peace efforts.

The situation is also alarming because the Russian and Turkish presidents both pose

as strong leaders and would be reluctant to back down and seek a compromise.

The S-400 missiles, which Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered sent to the Hemeimeem air base in Syria's province of Latakia, just 50 kilometres away from the border with Turkey, are capable of striking targets within a 400-kilometre range with deadly precision. The military also moved the navy missile cruiser Moskva closer to the shore to help protect Russian warplanes with its long-range Fort air defence system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RESCUE

### Rebels kill pilot after pair parachute from aircraft

Two Russian pilots parachuted from their aircraft Tuesday near the border with Turkey after a Turk-ish F-16 fighter jet hit their plane with a TOW missile.

Syrian rebels on the ground fatally shot the pilot. The co-pilot landed in ravines, where a Syrian commando unit rescued him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Militants say they were behind attack

The body of a suspected suicide bomber was found at the scene of an attack on Tunisia's presidential guard in Tunis as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility Wednesday for the attack that left 13 people dead.

Tuesday's attack on a bus carrying Tunisia's presidential guards involved about 10 kilo-



Police on Wednesday at the site of Tuesday's suicide bombing in Tunis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

grams of military explosives, the Interior Ministry said.

Tunisian authorities discovered the body of a 13th person in the bus, believed to be the "terrorist who caused the explosion," the Interior Ministry said in a statement Wednesday.

A DNA analysis of the body is underway, the ministry added.

The government declared the blast a terrorist attack and imposed a 30-day nationwide state of emergency, with troops fanned out across the capital.

ISIL issued a statement Wednesday, saying a militant it identified as Abu Abdullah al-Tunisi carried out the attack after infiltrating the bus and killing around 20 "apostates." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Fighters discover ISIL tunnels

Under the Iraqi town of Sinjar, militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) built a network of tunnels, complete with sleeping quarters, wired with electricity and fortified with sandbags.

There, they had boxes of U.S.-made ammunition, medicines and copies of the Qur'an stashed on shelves.

The Associated Press obtained extensive video footage of the tunnels, which were uncovered by Kurdish forces that took the city in northwestern Iraq earlier this month after more than a year of ISIL rule. "We found between 30 and 40 tunnels inside Sinjar," said Shamo Eado, a commander from Sinjar from the Iraqi Kurdish fighters known as peshmerga. "It was like a network inside the city."

"Daesh dug these trenches in order to hide from airstrikes and have free movement underground, as well as to store weapons and explosives," Eado said using an Arabic acronym for ISIL.

The video, shot by a freelancer touring the town with Kurdish fighters, showed two tunnels running several hundred metres, each starting and ending from houses, through holes knocked in walls or floors.

The narrow tunnels, carved in the rock apparently with jackhammers or other handheld equipment, are just tall enough for a man to stand in.

ISIL has been digging tunnels in the areas it controls in Iraq and Syria, even before the U.S.-led coalition launched its campaign of airstrikes against the group more than a year ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Countries clash over natural gas

RUSSIA-UKRAINE

### **Kyiv also** bars country's planes from its airspace

Tensions between Russia and Ukraine escalated Wednesday as Ukraine decided to stop buying Russian natural gas — hoping to rely on supplies from other countries — and closed its airspace to its eastern neighbour.

Russia's annexation of Crimea from Ukraine in March 2014 and its support for separatist rebels in the east has brought relations between the two countries to a post-Soviet low. Ukraine has since been trying to cut its dependence on Russian gas.

Russia's state-controlled gas company, Gazprom, said Wednesday that it stopped sending gas to Ukraine on Wednesday morning and will supply no more

because Ukraine has not paid in advance for more deliveries.

Ukraine said it was its own decision to stop buying gas from Russia after it was offered better prices by other European countries. Those other countries import gas from Russia but can pipe it back to Ukraine.

Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller on Wednesday warned Ukraine and Europe of possible gas disruptions following the cut-off.

MORE DETAILS

### **Short-lived deal**

The stoppage comes less than two months after an EU-brokered deal ensured supplies through March 2016. Russia lowered the price it charged Ukraine to what it charges neighbouring countries, from \$251 US per 1,000 cubic meters to about \$230 US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia uses Ukraine's pipelines to transport part of its gas deliveries to other European coun-

Ukraine's "refusal to buy Russian gas threatens a safe gas transit to Europe through Ukraine and gas supplies to Ukraine consumers in the coming winter," Miller said.

The Gazprom chief said

Ukraine had been buying up gas to store for the coming winter in the past two months but claimed it was not enough to get it through the winter.

On the other hand the European Commission, the EU's executive arm, which has been mediating the gas row between the sides, noted that Ukraine's gas reserves are well stocked and that recent mild weather means that consumption has been below average.

We are not particularly concerned about the gas flows from Russia to Ukraine at the moment," said commission spokeswoman Anna-Kaisa Itkonen.



Gazprom's Moscow headquarters. Russia's state-run gas company said it had stopped shipments to Ukraine on Wednesday; Kyiv said it halted the purchases. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Past gas disputes between Russia and Ukraine have led to cutoffs. A standoff in 2009 caused serious disruptions in shipments to EU countries in the dead of winter.

Ukrainian Prime Minister

Arseny Yatsenyuk also announced that his government has decided to close the country's airspace to all Russian planes as "an issue of the national security as well as a response to Russia's aggres-

sive actions.'

Ukraine last month banned all Russian airlines from flying into Ukraine but Russian planes have been allowed to fly over its territory.

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Protesters march during a protest in Chicago on Tuesday for 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, who was fatally shot and killed in October 2014. PAUL BEATY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# **City holding** its breath

### Footage of black teen's death launches protests

The white officer who shot a black Chicago teen 16 times has been charged with murder and jailed. The graphic video of the slaying has been made public. And in the hours after the footage was released, protesters seemed to honour pleas for restraint.

The question now is whether those efforts will be enough to address the simmering resentment that authorities took more than a year to share the footage and charge the officer who emptied an entire magazine into the teen even after he had crumpled to the ground.

City officials and community leaders had long braced for the release of the dash-cam video showing the death of 17-yearold Laquan McDonald. They feared the kind of turmoil that occurred in cities such as Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, after young black men were slain by police or died in police custody.

A judge ordered that the recording be made public by Wednesday. Moments before it was released, the mayor and the police chief urged protesters to stay calm.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel said residents will "have to make an important judgment about our city and ourselves and go forward." He referred to the episode as a potential "moment of understanding and learning." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Hospital bombing broke rules: Officials

American soldiers and airmen who killed and wounded dozens of civilians in a strike on an Afghanistan hospital violated U.S. rules of engagement and have been suspended as they await disciplinary action that could include criminal charges, military officials said Wednesday.

Briefing reporters on the results of two investigations, Gen. John Campbell, the U.S. commander in Afghanistan, described an egregious series

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Gen. John Campbell

of human and technical failures that led a U.S. warplane to destroy a medical charity's

hospital in northern Afghanistan last month. Campbell and other officials would not say how many people had been removed from their jobs or whether anyone higher in the chain of command would be subject to discipline.

This was a tragic but avoidable accident caused primarily by human error," Campbell said. He left open the possibility that disciplinary action, which has yet to be determined, could include courts-martial.

Christopher Stokes, general director of Doctors Without Borders, whose hospital was attacked, said the U.S. military's statements Wednesday left his organization with more questions than answers.

"The frightening catalogue of errors outlined today illustrates gross negligence on the part of U.S. forces and violations of the rules of war.," Stokes said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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### N.Y. subway ads with Nazi imagery cause outrage

An ad campaign that featured Nazi imagery has been pulled from the New York City subway system.

Seats on the 42nd Street shuttle between Times Square and Grand Central Terminal were wrapped in Nazi images to promote an Amazon video series called The Man in the High Castle, depicting the U.S. if the Axis powers triumphed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **Mexican border crossings** double same time 2014

Nearly 5,000 unaccompanied immigrant children were caught illegally crossing the U.S. border with Mexico in October, almost double the number from October 2014, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data.

The number of family members crossing together nearly tripled from October 2014 - from 2,162 to 6,029. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Black Friday sales boom predicted

Despite recent challenges faced by Canada's retail sector, analysts have a rosy outlook for the looming holiday shopping season — particularly on Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Rob Cameron, chief product and marketing officer of processing payments firm Moneris, said there has been an increase in sales on both days for the last four years.

Despite the high-profile departure of U.S. discount chain Target from Canada, along with the closures of Mexx, Boutique Jacob and Smart Set, consumers continue to spend. Cameron

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said retail sales are up around six per cent this year.

'I think this Black Friday ... we would anticipate it being a larger increase than last year, so we tell retailers to be ready for more sales," said Cameron.

He added that e-commerce retailers are also expecting strong sales and experts predict a surge in online transactions.

An online survey conducted this fall by IPG Mediabrands revealed that 68 per cent of respondents said they would shop at stores in Canada on Black Friday.

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Keast and his brother, Evan, started building the plan and are recruiting what they call "heartbreakers" - people who will help craft on-demand messages the shop will send to people who enlist their services.

Those services range from the very basic Snapchat messages to flower bouquets accompanied by a text to personalized breakup phone calls, placed of course by one of the heartbreakers. Prices

start at \$5 and go up from there depending on the level of service.

Customers can add to any package by sending items like copies of The Notebook or cookies through the company's online gift shop. One option — the \$80 breakup gift pack — comes packaged in a box called the "memory oven," which the creators suggest filling with memories of your ex and setting on fire.

"Give us the money and we will give you the service," Keast said.

While they're not love experts, the brothers have, over the years, 'been on both sides" of the difficult-to-end relationship equation, Keast noted.

That said, they're looking to hire at least some heartbreakers with backgrounds in things like couples therapy and psychology.

They're also looking to expand into face-to-face breakups, carried out, of course, by a complete stranger.

**AGRICULTURE** 

### **Climate** change hits coffee farmers

Luka Kinyere felt the wet, dark volcanic soil in his calloused palm, thankful for the rain that was falling again after a dry spell.

Although the coffee plants in his plantation were turning green, dry conditions had doomed his chances of turning a profit from this year's second

Here in the foothills of Uganda's Rwenzori Mountains, coffee is the lifeblood of many families, and men like the polygamous Kinyere need great coffee yields to run their households.

But their success is threatened by climate change, which has warmed the region over the years, encouraging pests and diseases and bringing erratic but intense rains that erode fertile earth. Consequently, harvests have become unpredictable.

Many of the plants in Kinyere's estate are infected with leaf rust, a fungal disease that experts here say has become more prevalent because of rising temperatures. When the rust infects a coffee estate, the leaves of some plants fall prematurely. The result is a delayed harvest with coffee beans so small they can't fetch a good price in the market.

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### CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE CHARBONNEAU COMMISSION



😘 As Justin Trudeau's government ponders how best to fulfil its commitment to a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women, the Quebec experience offers a few pointers.

The release on Tuesday of the long-awaited report of the Quebec public inquiry into corruption in the construction industry served as a timely reminder that it's a rare commission that lives up to the expectations that preside over its creation.

It did not formally blame a single elected or non-elected individual for the corruption and collusion that has run rampant in the province's governance system. The commission sketched out patterns of systemic collusion in some details but failed or declined to connect the dots.

Justice France Charbonneau and her co-commissioner, former Quebec auditor general Renaud Lachance, could not even agree that an indirect link between illicit industry donations to the province's political parties and the awarding of public works contracts had been established.

As Justin Trudeau's government ponders how to fulfil its commitment to a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women, the Quebec experience offers a few pointers.

That starts with a workable mandate. The Charbonneau commission has been compared to the decade-old inquiry into the federal sponsorship program. But justice John Gomery's work was focused on a single federal program. Charbonneau's mandate was more open-ended. The construction industry interacts with Quebec politics at all levels of government.

The line between an overabundant choice of avenues and a lack of direction is a thin one. From the outside, the Charbonneau commission frequently looked like a rudderless boat on an ocean-fish

ing expedition.

Just prior to its year-end break in 2012, the inquiry released an extensive blue-ribbon list of guests at a Montreal private club. The rationale for bringing up the list remains a mystery. There are other examples of testimony of little apparent relevance to the final report.

Gomery's sponsorship in-quiry heard from two (past and present) Liberal prime ministers. The Charbonneau commission — even as it deemed to explore political financing — called neither former Quebec premier Jean Charest nor any other provincial leader to testify at its public hearings.

Then there are the perils of an elastic timeline.

The Charbonneau inquiry was set up in 2011. It was subsequently extended twice for

a total of 25 months. Its four years of existence stretched over three Quebec governments and as many premiers.

With every extension, the impetus that had led to its launch seeped away. The reputations of some public personalities were left twisting in the wind for months.

Last year, former construction magnate Tony Accurso threw a bombshell at the inquiry hearings when he testified he had funnelled \$250,000 to former Montreal police chief Jacques Duchesneau to pay off the debts accumulated over the latter's failed 1998 mayoral campaign.

Accurso claimed he had a paper trail to document the payoff. But on Tuesday, the commission reported the promised proof never materialized. That was after Duchesneau spent a year under the

cloud of Accurso's allegations.

The Charbonneau commission cost Quebec taxpayers \$45 million. Its final report ran more than 1,700 pages. On Tuesday, Philippe Couillard's government threw it out to the public with no advance lock-up to give media the opportunity to take stock of its voluminous content and its 60 recommendations.

The predictable result was that much of the initial coverage focused on the bright shiny object of the irreconcilable difference of opinion between the two commissioners as to the relationship between party financing and provincial public spending. Quebec's ruling political class had a better day Tuesday than the commission that reported on the many failings on its watch.

Ultimately, the Charbonneau commission best accomplished its mission on the front of public awareness. Its hearings vividly illustrated the toll corruption and collusion have taken on public services. And they did demonstrate that the problem was systemic. Time will tell whether those findings translate into a lasting change in ethical culture.

The upcoming federal inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women will also serve a public-education purpose and undoubtedly raise the profile of an issue that cries for more attention. But based on Quebec's just-completed inquiry, care should be taken to ensure the exercise results in more than allowing a government to tick a sensitive item off its bucket

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

### metroview

### Make it easier to make things right for wrongfully convicted



**Diane Baker** Mason For Metro

Earlier this month, a funeral was held for Romeo Phillion. Romeo was 76. He spent 31 of those 76 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit. He was convicted despite both the police and the Crown having in their hands a police report confirming his alibi a report they did not provide to his lawyer.

Romeo was one of Canada's wrongly convicted: a victim of a "miscarriage of justice." People who are wrongly convicted have little hope of righting that wrong. They go to prison. Sometimes, as in Phillion's case, for decades. Sometimes for the rest of their lives.

That innocent people go to jail is something the un-jailed populace would prefer to believe doesn't happen. We would all like to believe that tales of wrongful convictions - populated as they are by dishonest cops, unreliable evidence and mistaken witnesses - are the stuff of Hollywood melodrama. Who hasn't cringed at the innocent prisoner in The Shawshank Redemption, crawling through the sewer to get his freedom back?

Canadian victims of wrongful convictions have to do another type of crawling - uphill, towards a review of their case by the minister of justice. These rare applications are usually undertaken with the assistance of a volunteer group, such as

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the Innocence Project or the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted (AID-WYC). It's grindingly slow and often made slower by authorities in no hurry to produce information and documents. Faced with the possibility that an innocent person is in jail, many circle their wagons, providing only minimal cooperation. This is particularly disturbing when it turns out the application has merit.

How to encourage the authorities to be more accommodating? Since their reluctance might be caused in part by fear of exposure to a lawsuit by the exonerated victim, the creation of a compensation fund in the nature of the already-existing Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund might reduce that concern. In addition, an overseeing authority, such as an ombudsman, could be authorized to supervise the application process, ensuring that information and documentation is produced on a timeline, and assist the applicant's advocates if they are stonewalled.

In Romeo's case, it was 11 years between the Innocence Project and AIDWYC accepting his case and the Ontario Court of Appeal overturning his conviction. It would have been much less had his advocates not had to wrestle with the authorities to obtain documents and information. And that, as the saying goes, is a crime.

Diane Baker Mason is a Toronto-based novelist, writer and retired lawyer.





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Wannabe pet owners starved for time or space have a fresh option: mix coffee time with cuddles at a cat café. These coffee shops allow you to bond with resident cats, often shelter animals available to a good home. The feline-friendly restos are popular throughout Asia, particularly in Japan, but are popping up across Canada. Montreal was first to pounce on the fad. Now Ontario has cat cafés in Guelph and Toronto and there's another planned for Vancouver. If you want mo' cat with your mocha, go to Montreal. Quebec's laws on these café/petting 200 hybrids are the most lax, so felines can mix and mingle in the eatery. Not so in Ontario, where laws dictate the pets must be kept in a separate room. Still, it's the perfect solution for those with cat commitment issuesspeed-dating, but with more fur. METRO



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Pope Francis to publish his first book in January

# Hibernate with these books

### Here are nine reads we wouldn't mind on a snow day

With winter's chill settling over most of the country, its time to grab a blanket, brew some tea or heat some cocoa, and curl up with a good book. Thousands of great reads were released this year, so choosing one may be difficult. To help you out, we pared down the list of top critics' picks to what we think are the top non-fiction and fiction books of 2015.

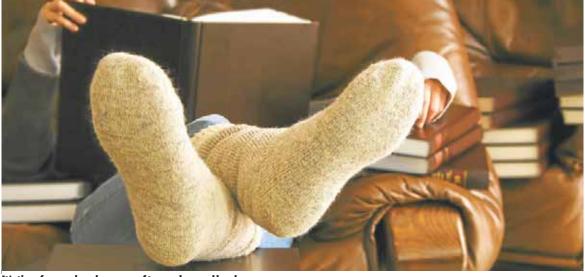
### **Non-Fiction**

### H is for Hawk by Helen MacDonald



Published in North America this year (it debuted in the U.K. in 2014), Helen Mac-Donald's unusual memoir captured the hearts and imaginations of

reviewers all over the continent. A Torstar reviewer called it: "An astonishing memoir of grief and love, of loss and connection, H Is For Hawk is nature writing for the new century, resonant and accessible, wise and fragile. Like the goshawk upon which it centers, it is a thing of beauty, of blood, of violence, of joy;" "a



It's time for wool socks, a cup of tea and a good book. ISTOCK

memoir about dealing with grief (the death of her father) ... it is seldom that such a thoughtful accomplished book touches a nerve with ordinary readers; "this award-winning book is soaringly original and gorgeously written.'

### **The Dorito Effect** by Mark Schatzker

This is not your average food book. Mark Schatzker uses science to shed light on the connection between nutrition and flavour



showing how our tastebuds no longer lead us to the most nutritious food, but to foods that are leading us into obesity and diabetes. Here's what our reviewers had to say: "fabulous research into why food has no taste and why we need to demand more;" "The best part? The solution he lays out involves a lot of good eating: top-quality, fresh, local, seasonal produce that restores our taste buds' primary function. A game changer!

On The Move, Oliver Sacks Neurologist Oliver Sacks was a storyteller - his expertise was science, but he made it accessible, educating us through

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telling stories of his patients in

was still enlightening us with stories and his memoir On The Move, touched readers everywhere, including our reviewers: "Sacks' thoughtful and conscientious approach to his own death served as a re-

Awakenings

and The Man

Who Mistook

His Wife For

a Hat. Before

his death in

August, he

minder of the writer and neurologist's deep engagement with the very nature of life. His memoir ... brims with life even in the shadow of death;" "It isn't an exaggeration to say that Sacks was "beloved" for the freshness of his intellect, his enthusiasm, his fascination with the workings of human beings. And the publication of this autobiography in the final months of his life was a brilliant cap to an admirable life.'

### **Fiction**



Anakana Schofield has hit the publishing world like a storm. This book was



nominated for the Scotiabank Giller Prize despite being about an uncomfortable subject: inside the mind of a sexual deviant. Still, our reviewers picked this as one of the top five of the year with comments such as: "Formally audacious and incisive writing that's also got plenty of heart and quirk;" "admiring the stylistic and thematic risks Schofield has taken with it;" "a novel that mirrors its protagonist's obsessive and deviant behavior in its elastic prose;" "a case study in mother-son drama where mental illness and an overbearing parent collide ... A dark, comic and moving portrait of the guilt, pain and suffering of the mentally ill."

### The Girl on the Train,

It's not often a first-time novelist dominates the top of the bestseller lists for a year. But that's exactly what Hawkins



has accomplished with The Girl on The Train. Our reviewers agree: "In this fresh, female-focused psychological chiller, a young woman is drawn into a mystery involving people she observes during her daily London commute. Paula Hawkins' bestselling debut novel is an addictive page-turner with intoxicating characters, unflagging suspense and sharp insights into women's lives and relationships." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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## Mumblecore this is not

### The Clasp is an old-fashioned coming-of-age caper

Sue Carter For Metro Canada



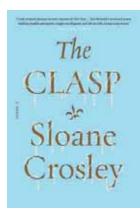
Made popular by directors like the Duplass Brothers, the films follow the mundane lives of characters in their 20s or 30s, typically caught in some kind of juvenile freeze-frame, dissatisfied with their lives, careers and relationships. Often there's an unrequited romance to be resolved at the end of the two

If Sloane Crosley's debut novel, The Clasp, was adapted for film (which, Hollywood, take note, it should), it most likely would not be considered mumblecore.

Though her characters navigate the same soul-crushing realities of early adulthood, Crosley has wrapped their stories around an old-fashioned caper that shakes them out of their navel-gazing reality and into a French countryside chateau. In the sharp ways that she deals with social issues like wealth and class, Crosley is a closer cousin to Oscar Wilde than Lena Dunham.

The Clasp follows three 30-somethings reunited at a posh university friend's wedding. There's sad Victor, who was just fired from a secondrate search engine tech company; literary playboy Nathaniel, trying to make a living in Hollywood selling screenplays about fake superheroes; and beloved Kezia, who works for a tyrannical jewellery designer. After Victor is woken up by the mother of the groom after passing out in her bed, she reveals to him a story about a valuable necklace stolen during the Nazi raids that may have been linked to Guy de Maupassant's classic heartbreak of a story, The Necklace.

When the mother dies suddenly, and her jewellery goes missing, the trio ends up in France, chasing each other, the necklace and some desire to change their lives.



Crosley, who gave up her longtime publishing job to write full-time, says her first love was fiction. She completed her first novel in college but the manuscript never made it very far. It was with her two collections of personal essays, I Was Told There'd Be Cake and How Did You Get This Number where she made her mark as a humorist in the vein of David Rakoff or David Sedaris. Both collections became New York Times bestsellers, with I Was Told There'd Be Cake optioned for an HBO series.

Crosley's 140-character zingers have also made her a favourite online, as have her book trailers, the latest of which stars Amanda Seyfried and her dog. (She had a cameo on Gossip Girl, to give a sense of her place within the New York literary scene.)

The Clasp took five years to complete, a much longer stretch, Crosley says, than her non-fiction work.

She moved around frequently, retreating to friends' homes to write. She used her experience in Los Angeles working on various pilots as research for Nathaniel's character, and relied on a friend's expertise to capture the details of working nine to five for a tech company.

While researching the mechanics of jewellery production, Crosley started her own fake line to make sure she got it right. She even rented out her apartment on Airbnb so she could afford some time at a château in Normandy.

While this detail gives The Clasp believability within a rather absurd plot, it's Crosley's dry but empathetic wit and observational power that makes this book a real gem.

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



Sloane Crosley has just published her first novel, which revolves around the lives of a group of 30-somethings reunited at a friend's wedding. CAITLIN MITCHELL



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# Fairy tale hits the right notes

### Glee star talks growing up, grandma

The angelic-voiced Chris Colfer may have broken through to TV stardom as Kurt Hummel on Glee when he sang Defying Gravity, but these days he's smashing sales records in the publishing industry as well.

His series of four volumes of revisionist fairy tales, under the umbrella title The Land of Stories, has been No. 1 on the New York Times bestseller list, while the first picture book inspired by the series, The Curvy Tree, debuted last month to strong sales. Fans of Colfer's fabulous fables are waiting for the boxed set, Adventures From the Land of Stories, to hit the streets on Nov. 24.

It's quite a lot for the 25-yearold from Clovis, Calif., to have on his plate, but on the phone from New York he seems just about the nicest young guy you'd ever want to chat with, lacking all of his alter-ego Kurt's sometimes abrasive fashionista baggage.

Thank you for recognizing that Kurt and I are two different

people," he says. "Don't get me wrong, I loved playing him, but we're not the same in so many ways. When I walked into my audition for Glee, I was a smalltown kid wearing scruffy jeans and a shirt from Target.'

In fact, when Colfer auditioned for the show, he was originally brought in to try out for the role of Artie.

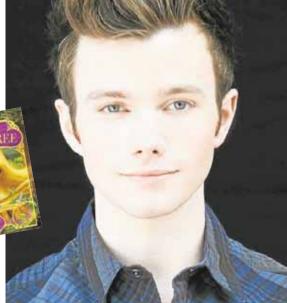
But the show's creator, Ryan Murphy, s e n s e d something in Colfer and created Kurt for him.

"That was fantastic, sure, but to do a lot of homework really

quick. I used to keep watching The Devil Wears Prada on repeat to soak up all the gestures and mannerisms. I don't think anybody ever guessed that I was channelling Meryl Streep's judgmental looks as Kurt.' Colfer made a big impression

I had

from the start when Glee hit the air in 2009, but it was the ninth episode that season, Wheels, that really did the trick. Colf-



Chris Colfer was first inspired to write fairy tales as a kid when his sister was suffering from seizures. AFP

er and Lea Michele's character Rachel battled over who would sing Defying Gravity from the musical Wicked.

"That came from my own life," says Colfer. "I always wanted to sing it in high school, but the teachers wouldn't let me because they said it was a girl's song. My grandmother finally let me sing it in the church where she was a reverend

"That song meant the world to me. Wicked was about someone who nobody paid attention to and who had a sister with special needs.'

Colfer's voice gets husky as he explains the next part of his

"When I was a kid, my sister, who was five years younger, was diagnosed with epilepsy. Sometimes she would have 50 seizures in an hour. It was a very, very difficult period for the whole family. That's when I started creating fairy tales in my head and writing them down. I just couldn't write enough and my grandmother persuaded me to wait.

"She said, 'Christopher, I think you should wait until you've done with elementary school before worrying about being a failed writer.'

But when Colfer got to middle school he had other problems to deal with.

"That's when the bullying started. My voice may have matured over the years, but it's never changed. So there I was, a sensitive kid with an effeminate voice.

He thinks of a line he wrote in The Curvy Tree. "Being different may have been difficult, but it's what saved me." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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### releases new book

**Author Cheryl Strayed** has become somewhat of an advice guru. People were fol-

lowing her advice before even knowing it was Strayed who was giving it through her Dear Sugar col-

umn for The Rumpus. Then came Wild, Strayed's memoir and story of walking the Pacific Crest Trail shortly after her mother's death and after the demise of her marriage. Now, Strayed is back with Brave Enough, a compilation of various Strayed-isms and life mottos. They are the type of phrases you write down and keep in your wallet, or at least tweet to your followers, giving them something to think about. EMILY LAURENCE/METRO IN NFW YORK







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# **Glory in** the art of **Florence**

Florence's art spanning 500 years is assembled and explained by art historians Ross King and Anja Grebe in Florence: The Paintings and Frescoes, 1250-1743 (Black Dog & Leventhal). Drawing on religion and myths deeply rooted in Italian culture, artists retold well-known stories by depicting angels, gods, saints and royalty as seen here. Torstar News Service







### FRA ANGELICO Black Death, 1420

Pestilence, famine and the Black Death shrank Florence from a thriving city of 120,000 people to a mere 42,000 souls. People pray and are comforted in a densely populated hillside village with wild beasts, lions, deer and dragons. Religion is salvation and comfort in the

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### Healing of the Cripple and Raising of **Tabitha, 1423-28**

Two different Biblical miracles - healing a crippled man and bringing a charitable woman back from the dead — are put together in one scene and attributed to Saint Peter.



### FRA ANGELICO

### Annunciation, 1438-45

The annunciation — when the angel came down to earth to tell Mary she was going to have a baby named Jesus — is a story frequently depicted. This lightfilled painting hangs today in the convent where Fra Angelico lived as a member of the Dominican order at the convent of San Marco.

### MICHELANGELO

### **Tondi Doni, 1504-07**

Nude males lounge in the background, a heathen past behind the Holy Family in red, blue and orange creating a family circle in the foreground. They could be sculptures, with muscles delineated and robes folded and flowing. The Madonna is powerful, reaching behind her for the pudgy curly-haired infant, held safe in his foster father's arms. John the Baptist peaks from the corner. Created for the marriage of merchant Agnolo Doni, it hung in the couples' bedroom.



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### JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

# TV's Code Black has legs

### CODE BLACK, SEASON ONE. **EPISODE SEVEN (CTV)**

The emergency room at Angels Memorial Hospital in L.A. is wall-to-wall as usual, this time with victims from a car crash at a street fair.

The woman on the gurney has lost both her legs at the knee, and is hemorrhaging. An EMT driver hands a plastic bag to an intern.
"It's her legs," the driver says.

The intern stares into the bag.

"Drop it," says Dr. Leanne Rorish, his supervisor, and head of the ER. The intern gapes at her. "I mean it, drop it," she repeats. "Her legs are worthless if she bleeds out." The intern drops the bag.

This is the best new network show in ages, for three reasons: Marcia Gay Harden, the latest in a long line of terrific but underused film actresses who find new purpose on TV, who plays Leanne.

The gimmick of the series is catchy - code black is the term for an ER that's flooded with more patients than it can



Code Black is the best new network show in ages, according to Johanna Schneller. CONTRIBUTED

handle — and the excellent close-up camera work makes the war zone mood feel au-

But what gives it meaning Harden's kičk-ass control. Ĭ loved her slinky, scary-smart corporate fixer on The Newsroom: The way she delivered bad news while flirting was

Here, she's always doing three things at once, believably - saving patients, teaching students, and keeping a cool eye on everyone's personal dynamics. She's economical in her words and movements, so a pat on the back or wry comment speaks volumes. She's incapable of a false note.

### Palmer hopes to live another season

Actress Keke Palmer is a little relieved shooting for Scream Queens is over, so she can focus on her music. But that doesn't mean she's about to give us any spoilers. When asked if her character on the Fox horror/comedy satire, sorority girl Zayday Williams, survives to come back for Season 2, all Palmer will offer is an elusive "I hope!" Metro caught up with Palmer to talk her career, music and horror.

### You're into fashion, acting, singing which one is your main passion?

I love them all. But I just finished Scream Queens and I'm getting ready to do Grease with Fox, but that's a bit more leisurely in the beginning, so now my focus can be on my music. I have the time to really work the way I want to work, since I don't have to be on set. So my main focus is finishing my album and just really getting the right sound.

### Who are your biggest music influences?

Brandy is one of the biggest. Of course, Michael Jackson — he's everybody's influence. Aliyah, TLC,

Mariah Carey, always been a big fan of hers. For people now who inspire me — Drake. He's very talented and he's no one genre. It doesn't matter

the type of genre you listen to, you can hear his music and enjoy it. Same with The Weeknd.

### Are you a big horror fan?

Of course, the biggest. I love Scream Queens so much because it blends my two favourites, horror and comedy.

RACHEL VIGODA/ METRO IN NEW YORK







### REASONS TO WATCH THE WIZ LIVE!

To transform The Wiz yet again, this time into a live TV extravaganza, is anything but easy. For weeks the star-studded cast (including Elijah Kelley, Ne-Yo, David Alan Grier, Mary J. Blige, Queen Latifah and newcomer Shanice Williams as Dorothy) has mustered at New York's Long Island's Grumman Studios. In free moments, they look ahead to their one-night-only trip to Oz on NBC, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. EST THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **BRIDGING THE RACIAL DIVIDE**

### Why The Wiz?

"The Wiz is a cultural touchstone in the black community, with an emotional connection we didn't really know about until we were doing it," says Neil Meron, who is producing the show with longtime partner Craig Zadan.

Bottom line: The Wiz is phenomenal entertainment, and even with the racial divide at its highest point in decades, we want to put that on pause and do something for the family and for the spirit, and have a great time."

### MAKING YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE

### A timeless message

Elijah Kelley (who plays the Scarecrow): "Understanding the ability to conquer your fears is one of the things that propels you to any success you desire. That's what The Wiz is about.

Singer-actor Ne-Yo (the Tin Man): "Everybody thinks, 'I'm not pretty enough,' 'I'm not thin enough,' I'm not this-or-that enough.' But none of that is true. The Wiz teaches you that everything you need to make your dreams come true is already there inside you."



### THIS ISN'T HER FIRST YELLOW BRICK ROAD In Dorothy's shoes

Shanice Williams, a 19-year-old New Jersey native chosen from hundreds of hopefuls, had already appeared in her middle-school production of The Wiz scoring the part of the Good Witch of the North. "But when there was an open call for the TV production, I went, just for the learning experience," she says. Then they kept calling me back and calling me back. There was finally a point where I was like, 'Hold on! I might actually get this.' Now I'm having the time

### HE AIN'T HEAVY. IT'S HIS COSTUME

### Men in suits

with muscle contortion."

be ready!"

Actor-comedian David Alan Grier (on his Cowardly Lion getup): "It is SO very hot, sir! I'm a fuzzy stovepipe!

Ne-Yo (on his Tin Man costume): "It's 30 or 40 extra pounds. And it doesn't breathe! Elijah Kelley (on his Scarecrow duds): "The costume isn't heavy, but I have to always stand like this," and he demonstrates an acheinducing bandy-legged posture. "What I don't have to deal with in my costume, I make up for





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Adele has outsold even the mighty Céline Dion in her first week. Josiah Kamau/Getty images

## **How Adele** beat Céline

### You don't give heartache away for free in this business

In the Nov. 21 Saturday Night Live sketch A Thanksgiving Miracle, an awkward Thanksgiving is saved when a family's political squabbles are interrupted by Adele's Hello.

As the soaring ballad plays from a clunky old CD player, the family (including Matthew McConaughey in grandpa garb) leaps from their seats for a windmachine-assisted sing-along.

This week proved it: Adele is someone we can all agree on. On Wednesday, Nielsen reported that Adele's album 25 sold 260,000 copies in Canada alone in just five days, breaking Céline Dion's 230,000 first-week sales record for 1997's Let's Talk About Love.

Nielsen has collected stats on first-week sales only since 1995 in Canada — we'll never know where pre-Soundscan blockbusters such as Michael Jackson's Bad would rank. Here's how she made it happen:

### Adele for all

"Adele's music is popular with all demographics," says Anita McOuat, partner at PwC and editor of PwC's Entertainment & Media Outlook 2015-2019. "My four-year-old loves her music. But she's popular with people in their 40s and 50s and maybe even beyond."

Bye Bye to boy bands?

Though Adele dethroned 'N Sync in the U.S., make no mistake - teenage girls have not abandoned their historic throttle on the music industry. McOuat notes that 'N Sync heir apparent Justin Bieber just charted 17 singles simultaneously on the Billboard Hot 100, breaking a record set by the Beatles. But people today prefer to listen their ballads as whole albums, while choosing their pop hits à la carte from digital or stream-

### **Offstream**

While Bieber may be slam-dunking streaming records, you don't make Adele money by just giving heartache away for free. She famously pulled 25 from streaming, and can you blame her? The Copyright Board of Canada ruled in May 2014 that artists would receive just 10 cents per every 1,000 streams of a song. That's more than 60 hours of music for every dime an artist gets out of the \$24 million Canadian streaming market, calculated by PwC. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### **MUSIC**

### Adele at every age

What if Adele kept releasing a new album corresponding to her age? We imagine the

Album: 29 **Single:** Rolling in the Diapers

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Album: 60 Single: He Won't Go Use My Seniors Discount



Album: 78 Single: All I Ask Is That You Speak Up



Single: Tired. So Very Tired

Album: 82



Album: 69

Album: 91 Single: Goodbye







### GOSSIP BRIEFS

### **Wu-Tang album** sells for millions

The only copy of the infamous Wu-Tang Clan album Once Upon A Time In Shaolin has been sold at an auction to a secret bidder.

Auction house Paddle8 sold the record to an American buyer for an undisclosed sum that was "in the millions," reports The Los Angeles Times. Contrac-



The one-off Wu-Tang album in its artist-designed box. AFP

tual restrictions mean the record's new owner will not be able to release any of the music commercially for 88

The 31-track album was completed in 2013 and has been stored in a vault in Marrakech, Morocco, in an engraved silver-and-nickel box designed by the artist Yahya.

The music is shrouded in secrecy but the group has revealed that it features a guest appearance from singer Cher. AFP

### **Cobain makes Heck of a debut**

Kurt Cobain is back in the charts following the release of Montage of Heck: The Home Recordings.

The record starring the late Nirvana frontman has debuted in the No.1 position in the Billboard Soundtracks chart, Billboard reports. It has also entered the Alternative



Albums chart at No. 6 and is currently placed No.11 on Top Rock Albums and No.121 on the Billboard 200.

The album was created to accompany a documentary of the rocker's life, Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck, released this year. It features previously unheard material, including a cover version of The Beatles' song And I Love Her, alongside 12 other

### **EXPANDING HER BRAND**

### Beyoncé steps up fashion game

Beyoncé Knowles is working with British retail tycoon Sir Philip Green on her own clothing brand.
Set to debut next spring, the

fashion range will go on sale in 20 countries around the world.

As head of the Arcadia Group, Sir Philip Green owns a host of fashion retailers including Topshop, Dorothy Perkins, Burtons and Miss Selfridge.

The partnership is a concerted effort to take a bigger slice of the global 'streetwear' market — sneakers, athletic, casual clothing and acces-

News that Beyoncé was considering a move into fashion first surfaced at the end of 2014 when it was revealed she'd held discussions with Green regarding the creation of a new global clothing company -Parkwood Topshop.

However, there had been no statements

from either party until Wednesday when Arcadia Group's parent company gave a profit update and issued an official statement confirming that "We are developing our distribution globally for the launch of this exciting new brand in spring 2016." AFP

# Cambodian fest has friend in Angie

### Big star draws focus to rebirth of nation's film industry

The little-known Cambodia International Film Festival is getting a star-powered boost this year from Angelina Jolie

The Hollywood star, who is currently in Cambodia filming her latest movie, will serve as president of the festival's honorary committee, organizers said.

The festival held in the capital, Phnom Penh, runs Dec. 4-10 and is screening 130 films from 34 countries.

"Cambodia's rich history, long culture and talented people mean it has a huge amount to offer the region and the world," Jolie Pitt said in a statement issued Tuesday by the festival. "I'm proud to support the Cambodia International Film Festival and Cambodia as a home for vibrant and innovative filmmaking."

Festival adviser Cedric Eloy, head of the Cambodian Film



**Angelina Jolie Pitt, UN High Commissioner for Refugees** special envoy and co-founder of the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, visits Jan Mai Kaung refugee camp in Myanmar. HKUN LAT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Commission, said Jolie Pitt's role would provide moral support and help "bring attention to the rebirth of the Cambodian film industry.'

Cambodia's film industry was devastated by the murderous reign of the Khmer Rouge in the 1970s.

Jolie Pitt is currently filming an adaptation of a Khmer Rouge biography, First They Killed My Father, based on a 2000 memoir by Cambodian author and human rights activist Luong Ung. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### ALL MY CHILDREN

### Popular daytime soap star dies

Longtime soap opera actor David Canary, best known for his role as twin brothers on All My Children, has died at age 77.

Canary died of natural causes on Nov. 16 at his home at The Greens at Cannondale in Wilton, Connecticut, Paul Pyrch of the Bouton Funeral Home said Wednesday.

Canary's career spanned more than five decades, with appearances in the films Hombre and Saint Valentine's Day Massacre before earning recurring roles on Peyton Place and Bonanza. In December 1983, he joined the cast of All My



**Soap star David Canary** ABC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Children as twins Adam and Stuart Chandler. Playing the brothers - one evil and the other good-hearted --- he acquired fame and five Daytime Ēmmy Awards.

"For more than two decades David Canary defined daytime drama on ABC," the network wrote in a statement Tuesday. "Our hearts go out to his family and we mourn his passing."

Canary shunned the spotlight and preferred to live quietly with his wife and family.

He is survived by his wife, two children and a grandchild. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# What they're asking

Single-family homes are becoming harder to find, especially in the larger markets. Condos fill the need for growing cities, but if you want to start a family, there's nothing like a backyard. A two-bedroom house is a modest size for a growing family — here is a selection of unique homes on the market this week.

**Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO





#### \$650,000

#### Ottawa

This home in Lindenlea is zoned commercial with three units in total: Two large residential apartments and one commercial space is included. The building exterior is brick with wood shingles on a 27' x 65' lot. Listing agent Paul Jackson says this is a rare opportunity to own one of New Edinburgh's most iconic properties. Jackson is a sales representative with Royal LePage Performance Realty, 613-238-2801.



#### \$365,000

#### Edmonton

Here's a half-duplex for sale in Sherwood Park. The main floor has a two-piece washroom. The great room has a built-in TV cabinet above a gas fireplace. The kitchen has dark cabinets with tile backsplash. There's a fully fenced backyard with gas barbecue hookup. Two large master bedrooms each have walkin closet and four-piece en suite. Sara MacLennan is a sales representative with Liv Real Estate, 780-486-

#### \$459,900

#### **Calgary**

This former bungalow show home is located at 15176 Prestwick Blvd. SE. The home includes upgrades such as vaulted ceilings, built-in cabinets and a three-sided fireplace. The main floor offers a good-sized kitchen with an island, pantry and nook. The master bedroom has a full en suite with soaker tub and walk-in closet. It's close to green spaces, shopping, schools and transit. Tim Lind is a sales representative for RE/Max Real Estate Mountain View, 403-333-08374.

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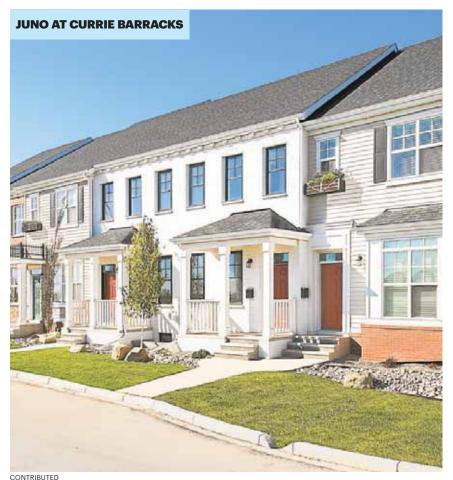
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# Doors now open at Juno townhomes

### Project overview

Residents are already rushing to move into Juno at Currie Barracks, the latest in inner-city living by Avi Urban. Now complete, these colonial-style townhomes offer homeowners the utmost in comfort and accessibility in the vibrant community of Currie Barracks.

# Location and transit

Evolving into an urban village itself, Currie Barracks is just a short trip to Calgary's bustling Marda Loop community. Commuters have close access to major roadways like Crowchild Trail and Glenmore Trail, and bus routes in the area take transit users directly downtown.

# **Housing**amenities

With East Coast-inspired architecture, Juno homes feature boutique porches, handcrafted mailboxes and lush private backyards approved by award-winning landscapers LEED. Juno residents have double and single detached garages to utilize, and can personalize their home by choosing a front-door colour.

# In the neighbourhood

Juno homeowners have the developing Currie Barracks urban village to look forward to, which will host business, retail and dining amenities. Close by eclectic neighbourhoods like Marda Loop and Glamorgan, Currie Barracks is also close to Mount Royal University and a number of other schools and recreations centres. ANNA BROOKS/FOR METRO

#### 🕂 EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: Juno at Currie
Barracks
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Designer: Avi Urban
Location: Burma Star Drive
SW and Dieppe Drive SW
Building: Colonial

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# Moving into a new home? Get some Apartment Therapy

You could be forgiven for thinking that Apartment Therapy isn't exactly beginner-friendly. For as warm and inviting as the popular site is, it pretty much invented the genre of house porn. That said, founder and "apartment therapist" Maxwell Ryan firmly believes that you don't need a master's degree in interior design to create a beautiful, inspiring space of your own. His latest book, Apartment Therapy: Complete + Happy Home, starts at the very, very beginning — before you've signed a lease or written a down payment check, when hanging that gallery wall is the absolute least of your concerns.

Want to go home to one of the swoon-worthy abodes featured in the book's second section? Start by taking Ryan's

Ryan's advice for furniture

space and the style of your

shoppers: "The style of a

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opposites," he says.

first-stage tips.

#### 1. Shop discerningly

Before you sign anything, pay close attention to the big picture, not simply the space itself. A big red flag for renters? When the apartment looks nice, but the building's common areas are in disrepair. "This can mean that only the cosmetics of the space are being kept up, but the maintenance of what you can't see might be lacking and potentially cause problems," says Ryan. If you're buying, take a good, long look at both the block and the area.

#### 2. Move smart

Moving should be exciting, not panic-attack-inducing. To cut down on the stress, plan ahead, and plan for the worst. "Take an extra day or two off from work right around moving day," suggests Ryan. "Last-minute packing will be less stressful, and running errands for the things that you end up needing for the new place — that always crop up, no matter what — will be much more enjoyable when you aren't rushed or exhausted after a day at work.'

**3. Decorate slowly** Although moving is a great op-

portunity to explore your personal style and create a beautiful living space, don't rush anything. "You want to take your time and shop thoughtfully," says Ryan. "It's always best to live in a place for a bit before making any major design decisions or purchases so you aren't tempted to start scooping up things impulsively that might not make you happy long-term.'

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Take it easy the night of the move — but the one thing you should attend to ASAP is the smoke alarm. ISTOCK



#### furniture and decor can be is fabulous, just as antique

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# **Deck** he tree

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The Christmas tree is the focal point of your home for the next few weeks. Just as friends cast judgment on your outdated throw pillows or wall colour, the tree will also come under scrutiny - so get it right.

Hunting for this season's best artificial Christmas tree, I found the perfect one from Canadian Tire. Here's a few of their best holiday tree-trimming accessories and some rules to ensure fabulous centrepiece to your

home this season.

#### Colour trends

Look for the three big trends this year: layers of blue, warm metallic colours, and grey tones. Each colour helps to create a different mood when decorating: Blues give off a retro vibe when teamed with red and

Best artificial tree: Canvas Oxford Liberty Pre-Lit Pine Christmas Tree, 9 ft., \$580, CanadianTire.ca



Layering many tones of blue ornaments will give you a visually simple but interesting scheme.

- 1 Canvas Arctic Teal Wide Glass Finial Ornament, \$5
- 2 Canvas Arctic Teal Peacock Ball Ornament, \$4.50



Gold

All tones of gold help to create a luxe look on the tree this year.

- Canvas Gold Spike Ball Ornament, \$5.50
- 4 Canvas Gold Glass Peanut Ornament (set of 3), \$4.50







- 5 NOMA Distressed Glass Lighting (10-set), \$17
- 6 Canvas Silver Flower Patterned Glass Ball Ornament, \$5
- 7 Canvas Silver Metal Penguin Ornament, \$3



white; gold and bronze give off a luxe appeal when mixed with other warm metallic tones like copper; and, grey creates a sophisticated look when silver, black and berry colours are added.

#### Accessorize the tree with creativity

At the top of the tree, consider something fun like a black top hat and red scarf or a set of decorative resin deer antlers. Under the tree create some luxury for those gifts by laying a faux fur throw, or crumple a set of vintage velvet drapes. Who knows what you might find lying under the tree on Christmas morning?



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#### How many ornaments should I hang on a seven-foot tree?

250 ornaments (35 ornaments per linear foot of height is a general rule).

#### What should I look for in an artificial tree?

Look for trees that are realistic in colour, have at least two different style of branches, are pre-lit with an adequate amount of warm-white lights, and that the trunk is covered to have a natural bark look.

How many lights should adorn a seven-foot Christmas tree?

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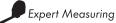


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# BLACK FRIDAY What you must know to find the must-have buys



Black Friday has become the unofficial start of the holiday shopping season, with thousands of Canadians taking advantage of online and in-store sales. SHUTTERSTOCK

# Early birds get the best deals

#### Online and in-store deals may already be available

#### **Tanya Enberg**

Slashed prices on electronics, clothing and sports gear top the lists of many Canadian Black Friday shoppers — and it's becoming easier than ever before to snag the best deals available, say the pros.

"Stay social," advises Satish Kanwar, director of product for the e-commerce site, Shopify, used by more than 175,000 merchants across the globe.

"Your friends love posting about great Black Friday deals just as much as stores do. Lots of online stores also allow users to share their shopping experiences directly from the site, or tweet out musthave items. Shoppers should

monitor their newsfeeds and timelines to make sure they're not missing out on any great deals."

Sharon Giraud, a business consultant in Mississauga, Ont., is a savvy Black Friday devotee. Among the goods she will be watching for is software, clothing, tech gadgets and cooking items.

"I check online and in store in advance to see what the prices are," says Giraud, 49, who prefers shopping virtually to avoid in-store crowds.

"You can often jump online at midnight and get the deals before stores even open. If it's something like shoes or clothing, I try it on in advance so I am certain the sizing is right."

Additionally, Giraud makes a habit of asking staff at the stores where she shops about future markdowns, especially as a number of businesses start cutting prices before the arrival of Black Friday.

Striking early is smart move, agrees Kanwar.

"More and more, retailers are offering sales in advance

#### BEFORE HEADING OUT

- · When cross-border shopping, calculate exchange rates and shipping costs before ordering
  • Understand the currency
- being used online
- Take advantage of promo

- · Shop with retailers you know and trust
- Research the return policy. Policies can range from store-only credit to full refunds or a final sale with no refunds

of Black Friday to ramp up excitement for one of the busiest days of the year," he says.

"Be sure to keep an eye out for the inevitable early sales." Diane J. Brisebois, president

and CEO of the Retail Council of Canada, says homegrown merchants are stepping up their online game, and Canadians are taking notice.

"What we heard from the great majority of retailers who were active in promoting Black Friday (last year) was about the growth in online shopping," Brisebois says.

"They were shocked - it was double digits."

Brisebois points out that

more merchants are setting up virtual stores, resulting in a highly competitive atmosphere and boosting interest among buyers looking for value from the comfort of their own homes.

Rooted in the U.S., Black Friday is still a relatively new concept in Canada. It first began appearing here in 2008, and the idea is gaining momentum with some consumers.

It is now considered one of Canada's biggest shopping days of the year, with tech items in the highest demand, as well as other pricier fare, such as parkas, footwear, jewelry, skates and ski equipment.

Brisebois says that Black Friday is "becoming the kick off" for holiday shopping, however stresses that it is easy to get swept up in the consumer hype and lose sight of one's budget.

"To some people it's the high, the excitement it gets crazy, it gets busy,' says Brisebois.

"There's a lot of buzz, but always be careful that you're buying what you need and what you're going to enjoy. This is no different than trying to put your list together for the holidays – stick ťo

a budget, shopping around, downloading apps to price compare, paying with debit, and only using credit if the card provides real benefits.

Meantime, Kanwar says that loyalty pays off with favourable early-bird discounts and insider news.

45%

According to a survey by Mintel, 45% of Canadians believe buying the

appropriate gift, regardless of cost, is

important, while 30% value sticking to a

survey also revealed that 55% watch for ads

holiday budget. The

promoting in-store holiday deals, 47%

search out online sales

ads, 44% use coupons and 40% rely on social media platforms for

discount information.

"You're probably also on a few stores' email lists already from past purchases and it's likely they will tell you first about their upcoming discounts or deals," he notes.

"One of the most widely used tactics for online stores is email marketing. Subscribers can gauge which retail-

ers will offer them the most value and best discounts by joining mailing lists well before Black Friday."

your list." Brisebois suggests setting



# City offers plenty of choices

WHERE TO GO

#### Malls, big box stores or standalones have it all

#### **Lucy Haines**

After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast (don't forget the coffee=shopping fuel), Calgary shoppers will descend in ever-increasing numbers for the 2015 edition of Black Friday at shopping centres, stand-alone big box stores and walkable shopping districts.

At Crossiron Mills, (about 20 minutes from downtown), shoppers are advised to get a parking spot early for mallwide Black Friday deals. More than half of the 200 retailers here are outlet stores and will be open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. offering even bigger savings. Crossiron Mills marketing director Neha Khare said there's a nearly 20 per cent increase in sales on Black Friday week-



Kensington Village is just one of many shopping districts expected to be busy. SHUTTERSTOCK

end, and while there's no big box electronics stores attached to the mall, all categories clothing, housewares, etc. see a jump in sales.

"Added promotions include a one day gift card sale — \$100 card for \$75 — and shop till you drop contest," said Khare. 'It's not a holiday like in the U.S., but the mall will be busy that weekend."

At the city's biggest mall, CF Chinook Centre, shoppers can use a valet parking service (\$11) to get to and from mall doors or, new this year, a shopping app will help smart phone users find available parking spots. CF Chinook Centre marketing manager Stacie Woolford said park-Aide will link to three mall parking areas and save shoppers time

#### It's not a holiday like in the U.S., but the mall will be busy that

Neha Khare, Crossiron Mills marketing director

and frustration. "Green lights on the app will show where parking spots are available,'

While a "14 days of fashion" event continues on Black Friday weekend, many of the mall's 200-plus retailers will offer timed events and discounts too. "It's a great excuse to indulge in something for yourself before holiday shopping starts," said Woolford.

Calgary also has several walkable shopping districts with trendy boutiques, cafes and restaurants, including Inglewood, Kensington Village, Victoria Park and downtown. The 17th Ave. retail and entertainment district offers more than 400 shops and services between 2nd and 14th St. SW. How about something unique from Ollia Macarons and Tea, or goodies from Jelly Modern Doughnuts?

When shopping is done,

Calgarians will need to refuel and, while you can hit the food court at any mall, there's a way to combine a meal with a gift-giving opportunity. The Mealshare program (which provides a mealin-kind to those in need for every specially-marked menu item purchased at participating restaurants) is available at about 10 spots along 17th Ave. alone, including Una Pizza, Anju Korean and The Coup vegetarian.

The program has grown quickly in Calgary, with about 50 participating restaurants,' said Mealshare co-founder Jeremy Bryant. "We're at 500,000 meals shared — so every bit makes an impact."

And if you're after big ticket items on Black Friday, like furniture, appliances, a car — the big box stores and dealerships in Calgary are ready with specials, too.

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# Preparation is the key to success

WHAT TO DO

#### Take steps before the door-crashing begins Friday

#### **Jaclyn Tersigni**

Images of packed shopping malls may say otherwise, but Black Friday is not for everyone. Mayhem, real or imagined, is enough to keep prospective deal-hunters away. Whether you're a Black Friday aficionado or novice, proper preparation can make all the difference between a shopping success and a shopping meltdown.

#### Do your research

Black Friday isn't a day for window shopping. Know what you want ahead of time, and from where you want to buy it. Peruse flyers from a variety of retailers to comparison shop. Look online too; you might be able to do a portion of your

shopping before even leaving the house. And don't skip over the fine print in retailer advertisements; some products, especially door-crasher deals, may be subject to time constraints and quantity restrictions.

#### **Dress wisely**

As you move from chilly November temperatures to sweaty, people-packed stores, layers will be your ally. But don't layer with heavy sweaters or jackets; they'll be annoying to lug around when your hands are filled with loot. Wear light layers that can be rolled up easily and stowed away in a bag. Don't forget your feet. You're going to be standing a lot — in long lines, so choose your most comfortable and supportive footwear.

#### Pack provisions

Sure, you could make a food court pit stop but lines will be long there too. Bring a supply of water and snacks to keep you going, and plan to break for a brown-bag lunch. Other items to consider: bandages (for blisters), deodorant, a phone charger, reusable



Black Friday shopping begins before you arrive at the store. SHUTTERSTOCK

shopping bags and painkillers (for headaches, lineup blues, etcetera).

#### Make a plan

To maintain sanity, have a plan of attack before you leave home. Create a schedule for the stores you plan on visiting, combined with a list of the items you're shopping for at each. If you're after a doorcrasher item, make that store

your first stop. Leave yourself a bit of time and money for the one (or five) impulse purchases you're bound to make.

#### Travel smart

City dwellers will be able to get

away with taking public transit to their first stop, and hailing a taxi for the bag-laden ride home. Drivers should be prepared for parking challenges.

If mobility isn't any issue, start your parking spot search at the back of the lots; less desirable spots will be the last to go, and you may have better luck snagging one. At certain malls, valet parking is

For a flat fee, an attendant will find you a spot and return your vehicle to you when you're ready to go.

#### Download help

You can further smooth out your Black Friday experience with a handful of apps designed to keep you get organized, caffeinated, parked and armed with coupons.

For example, the Starbucks app now offers users the option to order and pay ahead, directly from their phone this means one less line to wait in. Pick the closest location to you, create your order and swing by a few minutes later to pick up your items from a barista. Available for iPhone.

# Deal hunting? There's an app for that

#### **Marc Saltzman**

'Tis the season for gift-giving, so why should you spend more than you need to?

Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues (or hey, even yourself), your smartphone can be an invaluable companion as you wander the aisles at your favourite retailer or shop online (or a bit of both).

In fact, a number of free apps can help you save cash by telling you if what you're about to buy is a good deal

or not.

You know those flyers you receive at your door each week? Consider Flipp a much better way to flip through all of them - and with no mess to clean up afterwards. Available for smartphones and tablets, simply use your fingertips to browse stores near you or select what retailers matter to you - whether it's an electronics store, clothing chain, home décor outlet, and so on — and you'll be able to see the latest flyers that showcase new products and sales. Clip favourites, see (and use) coupons, press and hold on a product to

read reviews, a d d items to your shopping list, see discounted items only, and much more. Flipp also works for buying groceries all year round.

**Ebates** Why just save

you can m a k e money? That's the idea behind the free Ebates app, which pays members cash back every time they shop online through participating retailers. Sign up for a free account and then every time you shop at one of the

money when

supported stores (and there are many) you'll start earning cash that can be sent to you via cheque, deposited into a PayPal account, or donated to a charity of your choice. Each store offers a different cash back percentage. Ebates says stores pay them a fee when customers use the app, and Ebates shares a portion of the fee with the user. The app also offers exclusive deals, as well as sales and coupons, too.

eBay/Kijiji

Don't forget about online marketplaces, such as eBay, with a newly-updated app for iOS, Android and Windows. Despite its 'online garage sale' vibe when it first launched, most goods on eBay are brand new, says

the company. And you don't have to bid on items

if you're not into auctions, as many items can be purchased outright. If you prefer to buy local and with cash (and avoid shipping charges altogether), try visiting classifieds sites via an app or browser, such as Kijiji and Craigslist.

#### RetailMeNot

One of the most popular coupon sites and apps, RetailMe-Not offers more than 500,000 coupons that can be redeemed at more than 50,000 brick-andmortar and online stores in North America - so chances are you'll find what you're looking for after typing in a product name in the search window.

For instance, there was a coupon code to buy the Roku Streaming Stick for \$20 lower than the regular sticker price and 25 per cent off Roots clothing. Each coupon shows you when it was used last, user comments, and more. Also consider apps from Shop.ca, Checkout 51, InstaCoupons, and ShopToIt.

ShopSavvy

While retailers don't like this one, ShopSavvy takes advantage of your smartphone's camera by letting you scan bar-

codes of products on the shelves. Within a second or two, you'll see how much the same product costs online - or nearby at a competing store via the phone's GPS.

RedFlagDeals

Based on the 15-year-old website, RedFlagDeals is a multipurpose app (iOS and Android) that sniffs out the best bargains for Canadian shoppers. Simi-

lar to RedFlagDeals.com, the app shares the latest retail offers, coupons, flyers, featured items, news, and tips — all curated by deal hunters and wrapped in a clean and easyto-navigate interface.

### Keep your eyes open and your cards close

#### Camilla Cornell

Last year, an estimated one million Canadians called in sick to avail themselves of Black Friday bargains. Another 2.3 million were expected to let their fingers do the shopping online on Cyber Monday, according to an IPG Media survey.

But while the holiday deals may be stellar, unscrupulous folk sometimes take advantage of crowded shopping malls and online sites to cash in as well. Here's how to keep fraudsters at bay on Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Opt for plastic money. If you use cash or debit to pay for goods and you subsequently don't receive them, the money is gone for good, says Daniel Williams, a fraud specialist with the RCMP.

Protect your cards. Busy stores and malls make you vulnerable to digital theft. "There are devices out there that can scan information right out of your wallet," says Wayne Mc-Dowell, CEO and co-founder of computer and network security provider Mitigate Group Inc. You can purchase card-blocking sleeves through retailers like Amazon, Best Buy and Staples



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Avoid card skimmers. Criminals may attach skimming devices to card readers, using a nearby camera to capture your keystrokes as you enter your PIN.

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Check out the vendor's on-line rep. At least look for online reviews about their service and product quality.

Double-check your bills when the shopping frenzy is over. "If you reconcile your statements, you know what you're being charged for," says Williams. That goes for both in-store and online purchases.

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# Stores get ready for the rush

**GEARING UP** 

Big crowds expected at locations across the city

#### **Lucy Haines**

We've all seen TV images of the rabid shoppers — camped overnight in long lines outside electronics stores — on folding chairs or bundled inside a sleeping bag, travel mug in hand and a steely determination to put in the long hours necessary to be one of the first to get their hands on (fill in the blank with the latest, greatest, incredible deal).

And, no doubt, various shopping malls and big box store-parking lots across the country will have their share of devotees playing the waiting game this Black Friday, though statistics show not as many as do it for Canada's supreme annual sales event-Boxing Day.



Shoppers at CF Chinook Centre. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Crossiron Mills Shopping Centre sees about a 19 per cent increase in sales on Black Friday, according to marketing director Neha Khare, a number that grows steadily year over year and is comparable to nationwide data. A recent shopping report by management consulting firm Accenture (which surveyed shoppers in Calgary, Toronto and Montreal) showed that while numbers are up for Black Friday, 64 per cent still prefer to spend their holiday cash the day after Christmas.

Calgarian Tara Noland is



Are we in Canada going to grasp onto Black Friday as wholeheartedly as the U.S. does?

Tara Noland, Shopper

one such shopper. The fulltime blogger and homeowner said she takes note of Black Friday as online promotions and ad flyers increase near the date, though she admits it's not as ingrained in the psyche as Boxing Day is.

"There seems to be more available across the board on Boxing Day, at places like Walmart or Michael's," Noland said. "Are we in Canada going to grasp onto Black Friday as wholeheartedly as the U.S. does? I don't know."

Last year, Noland said after seeing the promotions online, in the mailbox and on TV, she ventured out during the day on Black Friday to buy a lamp. But as is with many shoppers, it's the sale-priced electronics that most often catch Noland's attention.

"This year, I'd look for a good deal on an iPad again," Noland said, though she has no plans for an overnight or early-morning lineup for doorbuster promotions at the likes of Best Buy. As to where she shops, Noland said all the major city malls are good options (CF Chinook Centre, Crossiron Mills, Southcentre, etc).

CF Chinook Centre's marketing manager Stacie Woolford said she sees a trend toward buying for oneself on Black Friday, before the gift-giving focus of Christmas takes over in December. Or, she points to the 'one for you, one for me' promotions that embrace the idea of treating yourself before the stress of holiday shopping takes over.

That's a sentiment Noland echoes. "I think Black Friday is a day for buying expensive items you don't really need but that you want anyway," she said.

Now that's music to a retailer's ear.





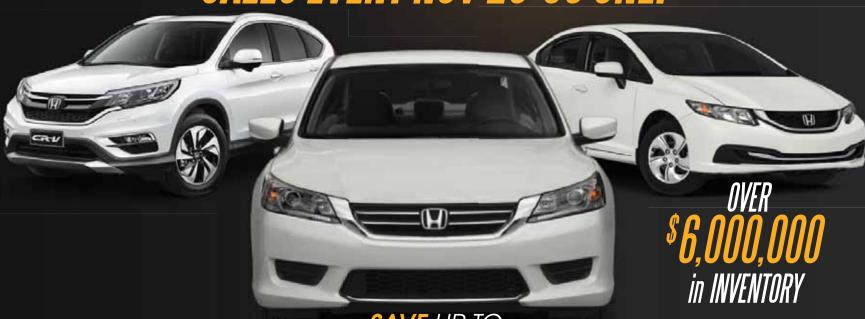
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# Should I stay or should I go?

CROSS-BORDER

#### **Shoppers must** decide if it's worth heading down south

#### **Paul Sullivan**

To go or not to go? That is

Cross-border shopping on the Black Friday weekend,

This year, the answer seems obvious: the Canadian dollar.

Why would you endure two-hour lineups at the border, insane crowds, and risk outlet mall fast food poisoning, when the loonie is worth about 77 cents U.S., and any fabulous bargains you may encounter will be wiped out by the exchange rate?

Clearly, the deflated Canadian dollar has already taken the air out of cross-border shopping. The Business Council of British Columbia says cross-border shopping trips by British Columbians are down 28 per cent since 2013. And a recent survey by Retailmenot.ca (love the name) said 66 per cent of Canadians no longer believe cross-border shopping is worth it.

But wait. A slightly deeper analysis — emphasis on slightly — might cause you to think twice, and climb back into the car in search of cheap cheese and cheaper digital devices.

The thing about Black Friday is it's not just about shopping, or rather, it's all about shopping and that's what America does best. It's the confluence of many factors, for example:

Black Friday, which falls on Nov. 27 this year, is the day after U.S. Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, and it always has been, since George Washington tried to chop the head off a turkey, swung and missed and chopped down his father's cherry tree. (OK, I made that up.)

For all intents and purposes, therefore, Thanksgiving in



Crowds gather outside Macy's in New York City in 2012 in advance of the midnight opening to start the store's Black Friday shopping weekend. GETTY IMAGES

the U.S. is really a four-day weekend. And thanks to its proximity to Christmas, it's a shopping-palooza.

There's nothing like it in Canada. Here, retailers try to start whipping up enthusiasm for Christmas by hauling out the decks the day after Halloween, and while the same thing happens in the U.S., the countdown to Christmas takes off with a legislated bang on Thanksgiving.

All across America, Santa Claus returns in triumph to

Macy's. The tree is lit in the square, and on Friday the doors open to arguably the biggest annual shopping spree on Earth.

And all along the border, from the Peace Arch to the Peace Bridge, we can either stand there with our noses pressed against the glass or get in the car and get us

But...is it worth it? The short answer is yes. And there is data to back that up. According to bestblackfriday.com, the total overall expected Black Friday discount for 2015 will be 39.55 per cent. It doesn't take a lot of math skills to realize that it's still a good deal, despite the 77 cent loonie.

On the flip side, according to a recent survey commissioned by UPS, this U.S. Thanksgiving, the number of Canadians likely to buy goods from the U.S, either online or by cross border shopping, has dropped by 22 per cent since 2014 (37 per cent vs. 29 per cent in 2015) The unfavourable exchange rate is listed as the top reason.

On par with 2014, 39 per cent of consumers unlikely to shop in the U.S., prefer to shop Canadian, and 26 per cent of these shoppers highlighting that local re-tailers are offering Black Friday sales.

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# Canadians act ... Canadian



Black Friday is busy in Canada, but we maintain our politeness. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SHOPPING ATTITUDES

# Things don't get as bad here as in the U.S.

#### **Takara Small**

Hordes of Canadians from coast to coast have made annual cross-border treks to U.S. shopping centres, outlet malls and stores to scoop up deals throughout November and December — the busiest and most important time of year for retailers.

Until recently, a strong loonie and holiday promotions meant big discounts south of the border where shopping can turn into a blood sport.

In Canada, we've managed to escape retail mayhem that goes along with Black Friday deals, with the worst shopper behaviour boiling down to the occasional shouting and line-cutting. But some shoppers in the U.S. haven't been so lucky, finding themselves among people tramp-

ling, bare-knuckle fighting or even shooting bystanders to get what they want.

A quick scan of YouTube will elicit examples including an incident in 2012 when a crowd of shoppers trampled each other at a Walmart in Moultrie, GA., over mobile phones; or a compilation of incidents in 2014 showing horrendous line-ups and shoppers clamouring, tug-of-warring and slapping each other over TVS.

Overall, Canadians are more composed shoppers during Black Friday (or holiday) shopning

"We didn't see a lot of (poor behaviour) in Canada and that's because we don't have a holiday around it," says Vincent C. Power, vice-president of corporate affairs and communication of Sears Canada, Inc. — a company that sees its own share of holiday lineups and was one of the first major retailers to offer Black Friday sales in Canada.

Since Canadians don't celebrate Thanksgiving in November (and don't have a day off to spend shopping), they're less likely to wait in line, camp

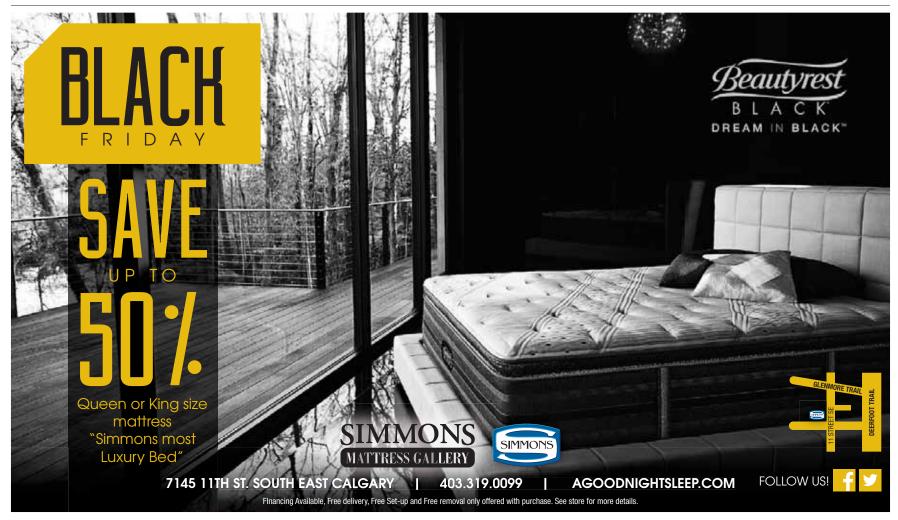
overnight in front of stores, and see retailers amp up pressure for the big event, adds Power.

"It could easily happen here," he says. "The mania that accompanies holiday shopping is down to pressure and hype."

It's no surprise that people can be downright dangerous over one-off, amazing deals. The name Black Friday — which once only focused on deals for the Friday before the long weekend, but now extends throughout the weekend into Cyber Monday — originates from companies seeing "black" thanks to increased profit over the holiday weekend.

According to the National Retail Federation, an international retail trade association, Thanksgiving weekend was the busiest shopping day in the U.S. last year, with Black Friday as the most shopped day.

Meanwhile, a DIG360 and Ipsos report from 2014 found that Canadian Black Friday sales dropped slightly to 51 per cent (from 55 per cent in 2013), suggesting a plateau.





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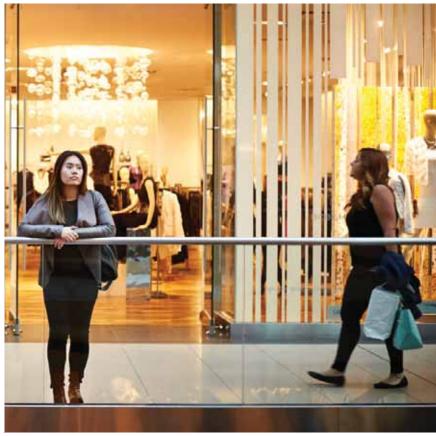
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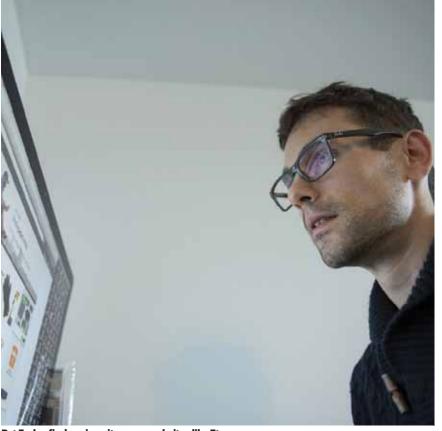
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#### BRAVE THE MALLS OR VENTURE ONLINE: CANADIANS POISED TO FIND A STEAL







Pat Farley finds unique items on websites like Etsy. JUSTIN TANG

# A TALE OF TWO SHOPPERS

#### MALL **SHOPPER**

If shopping were a sport, Kelly Chan would be an Olympian. And Black Friday would be her Olympics.

Chan, 22, heads south of the border for Black Friday, where shoppers get pushed, shoved and kicked over sale items. This year, though, she'll be staying in Toronto.

One time, she found a Free People cardigan that was discounted from US\$200 to US\$120. When she picked it up, another woman — who Chan says wouldn't have fit into the cardigan - claimed it was hers, and a pulling match ensued.

Chan's friend stepped in to help. "We tugged it away from her — she was screaming and cursing," she said. "It was a victory for me."

This year, she won't be driving south of the border, in part because she has an exam on Black Friday. "I think in a way shopping in Toronto is more relaxing because I find people are less competitive," she said. That, in turn, makes shopping a better overall experience.

The biggest benefit, though, is if she changes her mind about an item she bought during the excitement of a Black Friday sale, she can return or exchange it. "Shopping in another country doesn't allow that," said Chan.

Also, many Canadian-based retailers offer all-day (or, in some cases, all-weekend) shipping as an added bonus to customers, she said.

New this year, the Retail Council of Canada is promoting local, independent businesses on the Saturday following Black Friday: Shopin Saturday. That provides more shopping options for those who don't want to wait in long line-ups or fight the crowds.

Regardless of where you shop, Black Friday requires a strategy, "especially in the States where people are crazy and you can actually die from being trampled up," said Chan. "It's nothing like Boxing Day here. In the States, you will get punched, you will get hit, you will get yelled at."

It doesn't faze her anymore, though. "I'm accustomed to it - I'm just as aggressive as an American now," said Chan, a Torontonian who is studying international business management at Seneca College and works parttime as a bank customer service representative.

One of her best finds over the years was a navy Michael Kors pea coat, which she snapped up

for US\$84.99, from US\$365. This year she wants to replace her first-generation iPad. "I do have my eyes on Best Buy and The Source over the coming Black Friday to see if [the price] will go down," she said.

After monitoring websites and putting together a shopping "blueprint," Chan is ready for Black Friday. In the past, she would drive to Walden Galleria Mall in Buffalo, leaving Toronto around 4 a.m. to make it to Macy's in time for the 6 a.m. door-opening.

There's no time to try anything on. "On Black Friday I just pick it up and go," she said. "Not all stores even let you try things on."

Though Chan describes herself as a compulsive shopper, she sets a budget - and she pays for most of her Black Friday purchases with cash. Last year, she brought \$600 with her and went over-budget by about \$200, which she put on her credit card.

"You can get sweaters and coats for \$10 or \$20 — I don't usually run my credit card unless I'm buying a big-ticket item,"

Most of that budget goes toward shoes and sweaters. And if the shoe doesn't fit? She'll give it away to a friend or donate it to charity. It's all part of the sport of shopping.

#### **CYBER SHOPPER**

Pat Farley buys almost everything online. He still pops into stores to browse and do his research, but then he goes home and flips on the computer to make his purchases.

So when it comes to Cyber Monday shopping, he's prepared.

"I used to go with a bunch of friends Stateside and do it that way," says the 33-year-old senior graphic designer at Giant Tiger in Ottawa. "Then we all grew up and got day jobs and can't do that anymore, so that's how I got into the online stuff. And I like the whole scavengerhunt feel to it."

Over the years, he's picked up some good deals online, such as a Dyson vacuum for \$110 with shipping (worth about \$350). He also snagged a coat from Roots where he saved 75 per cent off the original price.

But for Farley, it's not just about price — although that's a big factor. "The stores in Ottawa, it's all the same kind of stuff," he says. "If you go online you tend to find really cool stuff, especially if you go

on Etsy. You get stuff that's one of a kind and other people don't have.'

But, like a physical mall, it's first-come, first-served, and there are online door-crashers. So Cyber Monday shopping means a midnight shopping



Pat Farley. JUSTIN TANG

spree — except with a cup of coffee in hand, in the comfort of pajamas.

Retailers participating in Cyber Monday distribute flyers about a week in advance, so you can do your research and find out if you'd actually be getting a good deal, says Farley. The best deals, like electronics, tend to get snapped up in the

"It's a virtual lineup," he says. "If you're really interested in something, make sure you're logged in, you're in your account, you're ready to grab the item, put it in your cart and check out."

Even if an item is in your virtual shopping cart, it's not yours until you've paid for it. "That's the only thing I don't like — if [you're shopping] in person you have it your hands,' Farley observes. "When it's online, it's not yours until you actually go through the transaction.

He recommends setting up an account in advance (if you don't already have one) with your payment information. Then "it's pretty much click, click, click and you're done."

The advantage of online shopping, though, is that he can shop anywhere. The night before, Farley logs into his accounts at around 11:50 p.m., so when the clock hits midnight he's ready to start shopping.

It all goes down in 30 minutes to an hour. After half an hour, the most coveted items are usually gone. "You need to narrow it down to a small amount of things you want," he says, "or you're going to end up losing all of it.

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# Black Friday is 'here to stay'

HISTORY OF

The shopping extravaganza now pretty much on par with Boxing Day

#### **Vawn Himmelsbach**

A decade ago the concept of Black Friday didn't exist in Canada. But over the past five years it's picked up steam, becoming a part of the Canadian shopping psyche almost as much as Boxing Day.

In the U.S., Black Friday follows Thanksgiving Day, which always takes place on a Thursday at the end of November. The tradition dates back to 1924 when Macy's held its first Thanksgiving Day Parade (on Thursday), which kicked off the holiday shopping season (on Friday). The term "Black Friday" was coined in the '60s, referring to retailers moving out of the red and into the black.

Canada, of course, celebrates Thanksgiving in October, so Black Friday doesn't fall on a holiday



Shoppers take advantage of Black Friday sales at Macy's in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

here. Yet it's still become a popular shopping event.

"The tipping point of when it became an important holiday to retailers is when it became an important holiday for consumers," said Michael LeBlanc, senior vice-president of marketing and digital retail with the Retail Council of Canada.

Over time, more U.S.-based retailers have opened up shop in Canada, lending publicity to the event. "But really what sent the

tipping point over was when the dollar was at par," said LeBlanc. So many consumers started shopping on Black Friday — south of the border or on U.S. websites — that Canadian retailers started paying attention.

It was a "defensive-offensive" strategy, he said, adding that cross-border shopping takes about \$8 billion out of the Canadian economy each year.

But it was also seen as an opportunity, since it's a time when Canadians have shopping on the brain. "Last year was probably the biggest milestone because retailers had fully adopted it into their promotional calendars," said LeBlanc.

"It's probably within the last five years that it really caught fire on this side of the border," said Kelly Askew, managing director of retail strategy with Accenture. Initially there was a growth spurt, but the numbers have levelled off, with 61 per cent of Canadians indicating they would participate in Black Friday in 2013 and 2014. This year, that number is 60 per cent, according to Accenture's holiday shopping survey.

"Canadian retailers have fully embraced Black Friday and people aren't dependent upon driving across the border to the U.S. or shopping online at U.S. sites," said Askew. "It's interesting to note slightly more Canadians plan to shop on Boxing Day than on Black Friday, but they think they're going to get better deals on Black Friday."

Canadian retailers have jumped on the opportunity to move December shopping into November, he said, giving them more confidence in their numbers as they near year's end — as opposed to relying entirely on Boxing Week.

It's also become a cultural phenomena — Askew has seen Black Friday deals in Europe and as far away as the Philippines.

# The Camera Store's Black Friday Sale



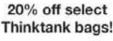
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# Following the lead on Black Friday

Across the globe, countries have jumped on annual day ofshopping

#### **Camilla Cornell**

Black Friday began as a quintessentially American shopping event, but the custom has since spread around the world. Traditionally the kick-off to the Christmas buying season, Black Friday now has a following in countries without a Christian past such as South Korea and Ĵapan, as well as France, the U.K. and, of course, Canada.

The good news: the mayhem that accompanies the occasion in some countries seems to have been mitigated in Canada by our characteristic politeness. Here's what to expect from Black Friday events across the Globe.

#### South Korea

In 2013, during Beufle (the Korean name for Black Friday),

South Koreans spent more than \$1 billion on goods from online retailers based abroad, a 47 per cent leap from 2012, according to customs data.

The reason: tariffs and taxes on goods in Korea can push up prices by 20 to 30 per cent. In spite of customs and delivery costs, deeply discounted items from the U.S. are simply cheaper — even when they originate from Korea (such as Samsung televisions).

It should come as no surprise then that the country launched its own Black Friday event this year to keep the cash at home. This year, it started at the beginning of October and wrapped up mid-month (Oct. 14), getting the jump on its U.S. counterpart.

The upshot: The 22 Korean retailers who jumped on the bandwagon saw a sales increase of a total 719.4 billion won (US\$ 634.9 million), or 20.7 per cent over the previous year in the first two weeks of October, according to data compiled by the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy.

Inspired by Black Friday, "the good weekend" (El Buen Fin) shopping spree takes place over four days and is pegged to Mexico's 1910 revolution. This year, it kicked off November 13-14.

El Buen Fin began in 2011, as an initiative of the Mexican government, the country's business council and private retailers. Sales have grown steadily - in 2014, they increased by 13.7 per cent over the year before. But the event's success has had its dark side, prompting the Mexican government to warn consumers that credit "can be easy to acquire and sometimes very difficult to pay off."

Britain - which has no tradition of Thanksgiving - managed to ignore Black Friday for many years. In 2010, Amazon introduced the shopping day, but it wasn't until 2013 that it really took off.

That's when Amazon was joined by Asda, a supermarket chain owned by Walmart, as well as other British companies such as Tesco, Sainsbury's, Currys and John Lewis, all offering Black Friday specials.

By 2014, the madness was in full swing. Mail Online reported that several hundred customers tried to break down the door of a Tesco store in Wigan, England before its scheduled midnight



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opening, Manchester police made three arrests, a woman was injured by a falling TV and at a Tesco staff member in Stretford got a black eye.

#### France

The French have largely greeted Black Friday with a Gallic shrug of disdain. This is, after all, a country which tends to be unyielding about its set sales periods - which fall in the summer and the New Year. What's more, Les Francais tend to regard the shopping event as a symbol of the worst American consumerism.

That hasn't stopped French merchandisers from trying to cash in, though. Big brands such as Casino, Fnac, Darty and Habitat have launched sales in the past. Still, the occasion isn't likely to rival the U.S. or U.K. for craziness any time soon.

#### The U.S.

Still the granddaddy of all Black Friday events: in 2014, Black Friday sales both in-store and online hit \$50.9 billion. This weekend, an estimated 140 million shoppers are expected to hit bricks-and-mortar stores, as well as the web.

On the negative side, the U.S. has a history of Black Friday violence that includes stabbings, brawls and outright havoc. In 2013, two families in Philadelphia — the City of Brotherly Love — fought until one of the women ended matters with a stun gun.

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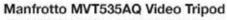


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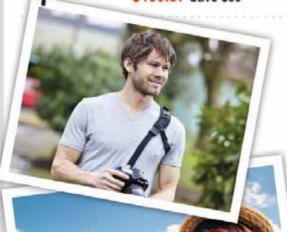
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# Hot tech finds for Black Friday



#### **Marc Saltzman**

'Tis the season to buy tech toys, whether it's to gift over the holidays or treat yourself to something you've had your eye on.

Retailers are looking to spur sales on "Black Friday" — which takes place on Nov. 27 — including advertised discounts on many consumer electronics products.

"The popularity of Black Friday shopping continues to grow and each year Canadian retailers are responding with enticing promotions," says Jason Anderson, senior vice president of Marketing at Cadillac Fairview. "Electronics are among the topselling items within our properties, so the deals are there, and savvy shoppers are taking advantage of the savings."

"On such a busy shopping day, consumers need to be strategic, test, scout and do product research ahead of time so they can identify what they want and where to get it quickly especially when it comes to the hottest tech products that are sure to fly off the shelves," suggests Anderson.

Look no further than below for a glimpse into some of the best Black Friday deals on gadgets, gear, and games.

Toshiba 55-Inch 1080p 60Hz LED TV (55L310U) Regular price: \$699.99 Black Friday price: \$499.99 Retailer: Best Buy

If you've been saving up to treat yourself to a big-screen TV, Best Buy is offering a 55-inch Toshiba LED TV (model #55L310U) for \$200 off the sticker price – and throwing in one year of Geek Squad 24/7 online support, should you need it.

This 1080p HD television enjoys LED backlighting, 60Hz refresh rate and a 1000:1 contrast ratio for deep blacks and more vibrant colours. Along with the twin 8-watt speakers, this television features DTS TruSurround for a more immersive sound experience in your TV shows, movies, games and sports.

Monster iSport Bluetooth Wireless In-Ear Headphones Regular price: \$119.99 Black Friday price: \$59.99 Retailer: The Source

Active types will tell you four problems with the earbuds that ship with your smartphone: the audio quality is less than desirable; they're not sweat resistant; the cord

gets tangled up; and they fall out of your ears too easily.

Instead, the Monster iSport Bluetooth Wireless In-Ear Headphones resolves all of those issues: they offer superior sound; they're sweatresistant; they wireless connect with your smartphone; and they're designed to stay in your ears comfortably and securely. An inte-

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Canon EOS Rebel T5 C a m e r a w/18-55mm IS III Lens Regular price: \$499.99 Black Friday Price: \$329.99 Retailer: eBay (eBay.ca/ BlackFriday)

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Canon Rebel T5

iRobot Roomba Vacuum Cleaning Robot (780) Regular price: \$699.99 Black Friday price: \$449.99 Retailer: Best Buy

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Fitbit Charge HR Fitness Tracker

Regular price: \$179.99 Black Friday price: \$149.99 Retailer: Multiple stores

If your New Years' Resolution is to get rid of that spare tire once and for all, the Fitbit Charge HR Fitness Tracker might just be the motivator you need - and it's available for \$30 off at multiple retailers on Black Friday (an exclusive blue model is on sale at Best Buy only from Nov. 27 through 30). This wrist-mounted bracelet lets you set a daily goal such as a certain number of steps taken, distance traveled or calories burned — and the lightweight and water-resistant wristband will keep track of your daily progress. As the name suggests, the Fitbit Charge HR can also read your heart rate.

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s m a l l screen, this Fitbit also wirelessly syncs with your phone or tablet

Acer Iconia 7-Inch Tablet (16GB) Regular price: \$109.99 Black Friday price: \$89.99 Retailer: The Source

Want a tablet but can't afford an iPad? You'd be surprised how good an inexpensive tablet can be, like the Android-based Acer Iconia, a 7-inch white tablet available at The Source for \$20 off the regular price. Fast and light, and with a high-resolution display (1280 x 800 resolution), this touchscreen tablet is ideal for playing games, viewing videos, reading ebooks, browsing websites, and more. Along with support for Google Play's 1.5 million downloadable apps, this tablet includes Bluetooth connectivity for optional wireless keyboards, speakers, head-

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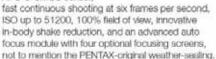
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#### **Marc Saltzman**

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Consumer electronics contain toxic substances such as cadmium, lead, mercury, beryllium, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and brominated flame retardants (BFRs), to name a few of the nasty ones, and this toxic runoff poisons our soil, water and ecosystems.

But you can make a differ-

ence. Don't ditch your mobile phone in the trash or kick your aging desktop computer to the curb. If you're unable to donate your old tech (to friends, family or charities), you can properly recycle them.

#### Where to start

Your first step is to visit the Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) website at EPRA.ca.

This industry-led not-for-profit organization operates the regulated recycling program in Alberta and other seven other provinces, to ensure end-of-life electronics are handled safely, securely and environmentally. More than 15 million devices have been diverted from landfills each year through EPRA's regulated e-recycling programs. (Alberta Recycling Management Authority, or ARMA, runs the EPRA program in Alberta.)

Once you're at the website, simply click "Find a location" (under "Where to Recycle") and you'll be directed to albertarecycling.ca. Select your town/city or type in your postal code to find the nearest drop-off locations for your old tech (many are big box retailers).

Nearly 45 different electronic



Each year, 40,000 tonnes of "e-waste" lands in Canadian

items are accepted, such as computers, printers, televisions, tablets, landline phones and mobile phones, audio-video receivers, radios, speakers, cameras, and

These end-of-life electronics are then sent to approved and audited recyclers for processing; the gadgets are broken down and harvested for the raw materials that went into them, including glass, plastics, and precious metals like gold and copper. Toxic substances like mercury and lead

are also extracted safely. The recovered materials are then put back into the manufacturing supply chain and used to make new products.

There is no charge to you for dropping off items at an EPRAapproved collection site or event. This is because you already paid for the service when you bought the product. This is that "environmental handling fee" ("EHF") you paid on top of new electronics that covers the cost of refurbishing or recycling them.

#### Before you recycle

There are two things you need to do before recycling your electronics. The first is backing up your important files — such as irreplaceable photos, documents, and so on — and the second step is to properly wipe your devices clean so your private info isn't retrievable.

For laptops, desktops: If you can't donate your aging PC to an organization - such as a church, youth centre or school — it's best to recycle it, per the above mentioned instructions.

Regardless, first back up your files by copying them over to a portable hard drive, a Flash drive (such as USB thumbstick or SD memory card), or upload files to one of those free "cloud" services like OneDrive, Dropbox or Google Drive.

Now it's time to get rid of information on computer's hard drive, but sensitive data might still reside on it - even though you used Windows to restore it. If it falls into the wrong hands, personal or financial information about you or your company can be easily retrieved, such as passwords, credit card numbers,

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tool called CBL Data Shredder (cbldatarecovery.ca/data-shredder) is a free download for individuals or companies to effectively "shred" sensitive information from a hard drive, making it inaccessible to anyone who gets their hands on your old Windows PC.

The company says this program satisfies stingiest standards from both the RCMP and the U.S. Department of Defense, and others.

For phones, tablets: First, back up info and media from your phone or tablet, such as contacts, calendar appointments, documents, photos, notes, web bookmarks, and so on. To do this, connect your smartphone to your computer to perform a back-up, or copy all the contents to a removable microSD card (if your phone takes one), or use one of the many password-protected cloud services.

To restore your device back to its original settings, take out the SIM card and memory card and go to your phone's Options or Settings menu.

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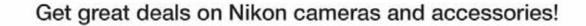


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# Scour for deals outside the big box

#### SHOPPING

#### There are items to find off the typical shopping track

#### **Jaclyn Tersigni**

While the jewels of Black Friday shopping are often halfpriced televisions from the big box stores, there are plenty of deals to be had on weird and wonderful items from unexpected places.

Here's where to look and what to look for, outside of the big box.

#### Travel providers

If a getaway is on your radar for 2016, plan to do some sleuthing on Black Friday.

Select travel agencies, tour providers, hotels and even online booking agents have begun offering special deals and discounts on Black Friday. Check out Expedia, Flight Centre, Sunwing and hotel groups to see what might be on offer.

If booking a travel offer online, remember to check the currency before confirming your payment; what seems like a good deal may in fact not deliver any savings after factoring in the currency con-

#### eBay

While it doesn't seem like an obvious destination for further savings, eBay typically offers deep discounts on new and used electronics such as gaming consoles, cameras, as well as an assortment of household items, clothing and accessories.

#### Groupon

Expect a variety of oddball items available at deep discounts on the group-buying site — perfect for stockingstuffers or a workplace "secret Santa." Here's a sampling: Snore-stopper bracelet:

This wearable detects snoring once the sound exceeds 65 decibels. It sends a painless electrical current that is intended to prompt the wearer to move positions and breathe more evenly. The bracelet's maker claims it can reduce snoring within two to four weeks.

Wearable hockey blanket: For the hardcore hockey fan whose jersey doesn't cut the cold, this blanket is the perfect gift. Fleecy, floor-length and with sleeves, this dress-like throw is available in the colours and logos of the Toronto Maple Leafs and all other Canadian NHL teams, as well as the Boston Bruins.

Ugly holiday sweaters for dogs

Ugly sweater parties are a holiday cliché; unless dogs are the ones modelling the goods. These sweaters are available in a variety of sizes, colours and prints for your hard-tobuy-for canine friends.

#### Subscriptions and accounts

If price has kept you from signing up for a subscription or account with a newspaper, magazine or speciality website, Black Friday might sway

On Black Fridays past, The New York Times and magazines like Vanity Fair and Vogue have offered discounts on digital and/or print subscriptions, or free issue down-



Ready for a vacation? Check out travel agencies, tour providers, hotels and online booking agents for special Black Friday deals and discounts. ISTOCK

loads. Watch for price cuts on web hosting, web templates, photography websites and subscription box services (such as those offering monthly mailouts of beauty products or health snacks).

#### **Grocery stores**

As Black Friday's popularity has surged in recent years, so have the number and kinds of retailers eager to participate — such as grocery stores. In recent years, some of the

bigger players have offered no-tax on items store-wide, giveaways, buy-one-get-one deals and deep price cuts on items like meat and cases of pop. Peruse your local flyers to see what might be on offer.

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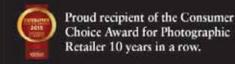
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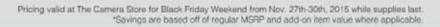




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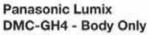
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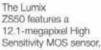


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Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch will miss 3-4 weeks after undergoing surgery to repair an injury related to a sports hernia

# Eskimos motivated by frustrating 2013 season

#### 103RD GREY CUP

#### **Edmonton** playing for title for first time since 2005

J.C. Sherritt can't forget how tough it was to be an Edmonton Eskimo two years ago - and neither does he want to.

The fifth-year linebacker said remembering the CFL club's miserable 4-14 record in 2013 makes this year's trip to the Grey Cup against the Ottawa Redblacks that much sweeter.

'From an athletic standpoint, it's the hardest thing I've ever but he has a great

gone through in my life," Sherritt said Wednesday after Edmonton's first practice at Investors Group Field. "To go through that adversity, to lose like we were los-

ing — just that whole situation made you really grateful for what you are involved in now.

To be a part of that change and to watch the culture shift, all these things take place, you've just got to be grateful."

The Eskimos lost six games by five or less points (five of those in a row) in 2013. Thirdyear head coach Kavis Reed

was fired and replaced by Chris Jones.

The new blood, on and off the field, propelled Edmonton to a 12-6 record last season, but a loss in the West Division final against the eventual Grey Cupchampion Calgary Stampeders.

After this year's 14-4 mark and the dispatching of those Stampeders in the division final, the Eskimos are playing against another rebounding club. The Redblacks flipped from 2-16 last year to 12-6 this season.

Sixth-year quarterback Mike Reilly had a baptism by fire when he was traded to the Eskimos from the B.C. Lions in January 2013.

"That was my first chance to finally be the starter on a football team," recalled Reilly, who started all 18 games that year. "Winning four games, you're wonder-

ing if you're going to get another opportunity to continue to be the starter.

As each loss mounted, and with the added sting of losing the close ones, the players forged a bond, Reilly said.

That was especially true with Reilly and defensive end Odell Willis, who was also in his inaugural season wearing green and gold after signing as a free



Mike Reilly and the Eskimos are in the Grey Cup, two season after winning just two games.

After every tight loss, Reilly would seek out Willis.

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"I would find him and I would just say, 'Remember this, man. Like remember this because we're going to talk about this at some point in time and we're going to laugh about it.

And we're going to say, man, that sucked, but we had to go through that to find success,' Reilly said.

"This year has been the year where I've found him and said, 'Remember those games, man? You remember those? Remember how bad that was? It was all worth it to feel this.'

"So, yeah, it wasn't fun, but I do think that part of that made us into the team that we are

The Eskimos last played in the Grey Cup in 2005, a 38-35 overtime victory against Mont-

#### Coach just fine with his players scoring off-field

Rick Campbell isn't about to mess with success.

The Ottawa head coach said if scoring off the football field helped his team get to the Grey Cup, he's fine with his players getting lucky this week as the Redblacks prepare to face the Edmonton Eskimos on Sunday in the CFL title

Campbell, in his first CFL championship contest as a head coach, offered a brilliant answer when asked the traditional question about pre-game sex at the annual Grey Cup coaches news conference Wednesday.

'It's my job to put guys in the best position to have success, whether that's on or off the field," Campbell said with a straight face. "So I guess I'm going to give advice more than a policy.

This would probably apply to most of our players and coaches and it mirrors our football team is that the odds aren't good and no one gave you much of a chance but, if you pay attention to detail and you execute and you do it with zest and enthusiasm, anything can happen."

Campbell's deft answer left Edmonton head coach Chris Jones almost speechless.

"How do you top that?" he asked.

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It sounds cliche.

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leads by example.

Calvin McCarty on head

coach Chris Jones

Henry Burris and the Redblacks lined up at Investors Group Field on Wednesday afternoon for practice.

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# Burris planning to prove doubters wrong

**Burris** posted a

CFL-record 481 completions this

vear en route to leading the league in passing with 5,703 yards.

Only Henry Burris can arrive at the Grey Cup with a chip on his shoulder and a mega-

The 40-year-old Ottawa Redblacks quarterback comes to the CFL championship game having thrown for 361 touchdowns and more than 60,000 yards in his 16 years in the league. He was MVP of the 2008 Grey Cup, when he led Calgary past Montreal. And on Thursday, he can collect his second Most Outstanding Player Award in the leadup to Sunday's showdown with the Edmonton Eskimos.

But his drive for success is

partially fuelled by his doubt- people say certain things that in ers, following his release by

both Calgary and Hamilton in recent

"It is very personal to me," he told reporters Wednesday after a brisk morning workout at Investors Group Field. "So many people always say you can let it go, let it go. But I think that's what motivates some of the best athletes ever.

"You have to play with a chip on your shoulder. When motivates you every day," he

your heart matter to you as an

athlete. When they say certain things to doubt you."

Burris acknowledges there will always be naysayers. But to him it matters when it comes from people "that matter to you, that played a role in your life."

As tough as nails on the field, the charismatic Burris

bruises easily off it. "The bottom line is what said. "And for me the fact I was sent packing after I helped turn organizations around and doing my job both on and off the field, being an ambassador not only for the community but for the team and also for the league — just to be sent packing the way that it occurred."

Defeating the Ticats three times at the end of this season was sweet, sweeter and even sweeter.

Bottom line, it appears that while you can part ways with Burris, you can't escape him.

"No matter what you say, you can't rule me out," Burris said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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### **Ex-Dinos coach back in Vanier Cup**

Blake Nill is no stranger to Quebec City.

The longtime Canadian university football coach will play a championship game at Laval University's Telus Stadium for the fourth time since 2009 when his sixth-ranked UBC Thunderbirds take on the fourth-ranked University of Montreal Carabins in the Vanier Cup game.

"I've always enjoyed play-ing in Quebec City," Nill said

Wednesday at a news conference. "I'd rather play in Quebec Čity where there's passion for football than play some- Blake Nill where where the canadian



When Laval won the bid to be host of the CIS championship game it was

thought its powerhouse team, the Rouge et Or, would be playing for an eighth national title.

Instead, the Carabins upset Laval in the Quebec Conference championship and coach Danny Maciocia's squad will be gunning for a second Vanier Cup title in a row, after beating McMaster on home turf last year.

About 11,000 tickets had been sold as of Wednesday and a crowd of about 13,000

Nill, a two-time Vanier Cup champion with St. Mary's in 2001 and 2002, made a surprise jump to UBC this season after nine years with the Calgary Dinos, who lost Vanier Cup games to Queen's and to Laval in 2010 and 2013, all at Telus Stadium.

UBC went on to go 6-2 in conference play, then beat 8-0 Calgary in the playoffs. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Canadiens winger Max Pacioretty scores against Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist in New York on Wednesday night.

# Habs pick up Price's slack

#### **Montreal wins** in New York after goalie exits game

When star goalie Carey Price exited again with an injury, the Montreal Canadiens responded.

Devante Smith-Pelly and Alex Galchenyuk scored in the opening 1:29 of the third period, and Montreal beat the New York Rangers 5-1 Wednesday night in a matchup of the top two teams in the Eastern Conference.

Smith-Pelley had two goals. Sven Andrighetto and Max Pacioretty also scored for the Canadiens, who have handed the Rangers (16-4-2) two of their four losses in regulation this

Price stopped 22 shots in the first two periods and was replaced at the start of the third by Mike Condon in a 2-1 game. After it was over, coach Michel Therrien said Price was sidelined by the same lower-body

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injury that kept him out for eight games earlier this month. This was his third game back.

Price was the NHL MVP and Vezina Trophy winner last season as the league's top goalie.

Rick Nash scored for the Rangers in their largest loss of the season. New York had won nine in a row at home and 11 of 12

Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist was lifted after Pacioretty's power-play goal made it 5-1.

The Canadiens (17-4-2) made sure Condon never felt the pressure of a close game with their quick goals at the beginning of the third. Galchenyuk scored his goal on a bad-angle shot that Lundqvist misplayed.

Montreal moved into first place in the conference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### IN BRIEF

#### Rams receiver Bailey in hospital after being shot

A person familiar with the situation tells The Associated Press that suspended Rams wide receiver Stedman Bailey is in critical, but stable condition after being shot.

The Rams said in a statement they were "aware Stedman Bailey was involved in an incident" late Tuesday and that they had spoken with him.

Bailey is serving a fourgame suspension for violating the NFL's substanceabuse policy.

#### Lowry leads Raptors in knocking off LeBron and Co.

Kyle Lowry poured in 27 points to lift the Toronto Raptors 103-99 over the Eastern Conference-leading Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday.

DeMar DeRozan added 20 points, while Luis Scola had 15 points and seven rebounds for the Dinos (10-6).

LeBron James led the Cavaliers (11-4) with 24 points, while Kevin Love added 21, and Mo Williams and J.R Smith chipped in with 15 apiece.

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#### **RECIPE Zesty Chicken, Red Beans** and Rice



#### Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

This hearty, crowd-pleaser is so perfect for a cold, fall night you may not mind so much that winter is coming. Well, maybe that's a stretch, but it's really delicious.

#### Ready in Prep time: 60 minutes Serves 4

#### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup flour
- 11/2 Tbsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper · 6 chicken thighs
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- · 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 x 15 oz can of kidney beans • 1 x 19 oz can of tomatoes
- •1 cup frozen or fresh corn
- · 3/4 cup chicken stock
- •1 cup brown rice
- · Small handful of chopped cilantro and quartered limes for garnish

#### Directions

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. 2. On a plate, toss together the flour, chili and salt and pepper. Dredge the chicken through the mixture until well-coated.
- 3. In a large Dutch oven or oven proof pot, heat up the olive oil over medium high heat. Brown the chicken on both sides. Place the browned chicken on a clean plate and put aside. Drain excess fat from the pot.
- 4. Turn the heat down to medium and add the garlic, allow it to soften and become fragrant. Add your beans, tomatoes, stock, corn and rice. Stir. Break up the tomatoes with the back of a wooden spoon. Raise the heat again so that your mixture comes to a boil.
- 5. Place the chicken pieces on top of your tomato-y mixture, place a lid on top and place in the oven for 45 to 50 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve with a sprinkling of cilantro and lime.

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Aries March 21 - April 20 Demand the best and you will get it. With the Sun moving through one of the most dynamic areas of your chart you only have to snap your fingers for others to come running.

Taurus April 21 - May 21 The pressure you're under may be intense but it's nothing you haven't experienced before and nothing you can't handle. In fact, you will make such a success of it that even your rivals will shower you with praise.

I Gemini May 22 - June 21 There are a lot of changes in your world at the moment and some of them are a bit worrying. But no matter how great the upheavals may get you have nothing to fear

Cancer June 22 - July 23 There is no limit to what you can do. Where work and money are concerned now is the time to push yourself. The effort will pay off.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23 Romantically and creatively the sky is the limit. The Sun in Sagittarius endows you with massive selfconfidence, to the extent that you believe that all things are possible - and your belief will make it a fact.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23 Try not to let your emotions get the better of you, because once they start to unravel it's unlikely you will be able to stop them getting entirely out of hand. Whatever the problem is it's not worth getting upset about.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23 You will want to be on the move today. Realize that you will achieve more if you get out and about and meet as many new people as possible.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Know what you want and you know where to find it. If you do then there is a very good chance that you can make it your own. Above all Scorpio, don't listen to those who urge caution

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 The Sun in your sign means there is no holding you back. The only danger is that you could take on too many things and not be able to give your best to what is most important.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 You are under no illusions about what needs to be done. You are smart enough to realize there are no shortcuts. What you're working on demands your full and undivided attention and your very best efforts.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 You will do something today that turns heads and gets tongues wagging - and you will love every moment of it. But don't neglect those who have stood by during the bad times. Give them some attention too.

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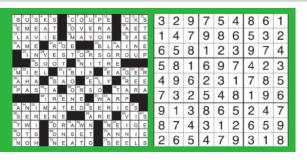
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